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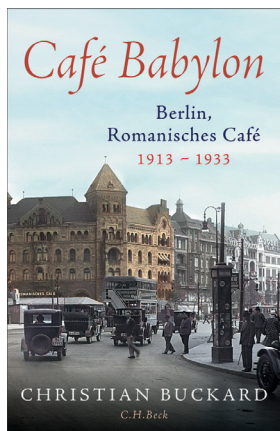
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NARRATIVE NON-FICTION



Christian Buckard

Café Babylon

Berlin, Romanisches Café, 1913–1933

352 pages with 34 illustrations
Hardcover

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Guangdong People's Publishing House

- The place where Bertolt Brecht, Marlene Dietrich, and Albert Einstein met
- The glittering world of art before Germany's catastrophe condensed into the History of a legendary place
- Magnificent writing

The glamour of the Romanisches Café of Berlin once radiated as far as Paris, New York and Tokyo. Everyone met here: Bertolt Brecht, Mascha Kaléko, Joseph Roth, George Grosz, Marlene Dietrich and Albert Einstein. At the marble tables, books and film ideas were created, art movements were born, people argued and dreamed, until the Nazis turned off the lights...

Christian Buckard tells the story of the café's colorful regulars in his captivating book. In the Golden Twenties, the 'Romanische' was the capital's most famous café: the 'industrial estate of intelligentsia, the café of unlimited possibilities. Writers, journalists, painters and stage stars, prostitutes and political activists passed through its revolving door, and many refugees and bohemians from all over the world. By the early 1930s, however, the café had already become a dangerous place: at any moment, the guests had to reckon with raids by the Nazis. Christian Buckard has unearthed numerous previously unknown accounts by international guests. Thanks to the Romanisches Café, for a few glittering years, Berlin seemed to be the center of the world.

CHRISTIAN BUCKARD is a freelance writer, journalist and filmmaker. He has received several awards for his journalistic work.

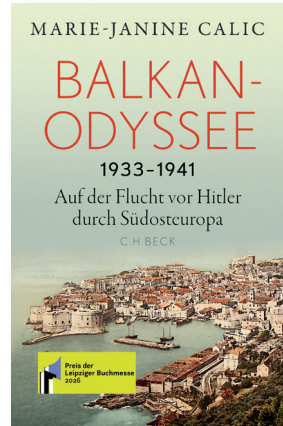
Marie-Janine Calic
Balkan Odyssey

1933-1941

Fleeing Hitler through Southeast Europe

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- The first Balkan route – the other way to escape Hitler
- For all fans of Uwe Wittstock
- Tilla Durieux, Manès Sperber, Ernst Toller, Franz Theodor Csokor, and many others
- Often it is the poorest who are the most helpful
- Moving stories of courage and humanity



336 pages with
 20 illustrations and 1 map
 Hardcover

Refuge in the Balkans – the forgotten Exile

Theater star Tilla Durieux, writers Manès Sperber and Ernst Toller, playwright Franz Theodor Csokor and many others fled to southeastern Europe, where they found refuge. Today, however, this first Balkan route has been forgotten. Marie-Janine Calic recalls stories of courage and humanity, misery and betrayal, rescue and doom.

When Hitler came to power, the Balkans were 'somewhere down there' for many persecuted people. Yet they fled not only to the democratic West and the Soviet Union, but also to the supposedly backward southeast of Europe; at least 55,000 sought refuge in Yugoslavia alone. Among them were Jews and non-Jews, conservatives and communists, Zionists and internationalists, resistance fighters and apoliticals.

The flight along the Balkan route began in early 1933 with the first waves of Nazi persecution. In 1938, the annexation of Austria and the November pogroms caused refugee numbers to surge, as few other escape routes remained open. When Italy invaded Greece in October 1940 and Hitler prepared his attack on the Balkans, this last route was suddenly closed, trapping thousands. In Greek mythology, the hero's odyssey ends happily — but for many Balkan refugees, it did not.

MARIE-JANINE CALIC is a Professor of Southeast European history at the University of Munich.



352 pages with
28 illustrations
Paperback

Uwe Wittstock

Marseille 1940

The Great Escape of Literature

- Uwe Wittstock's moving book about the escape of famous writers – the bestseller now available in paperback
- Heinrich Mann, Anna Seghers, Franz Werfel, Hannah Arendt, Lion Feuchtwanger, Walter Benjamin, and many others
- A vivid chronicle of hope, despair and humanity
- *'A story of the great courage shown by a diverse group of individuals in standing up to a monstrous combination of totalitarian politics, bureaucracy and criminality.'*

– Hilmar Klute, Süddeutsche Zeitung

'Vivid and breathless' – Florian Illies, DIE ZEIT

June 1940: Hitler's Wehrmacht has defeated France. The Gestapo is hunting for Heinrich Mann and Franz Werfel, for Hannah Arendt, Lion Feuchtwanger and countless others who have found asylum in France since 1933. Meanwhile, the American Varian Fry arrives in Marseille to save as many of them as possible. Uwe Wittstock tells the harrowing story of their escape. It is the most dramatic year in the history of German literature. In Nice, Heinrich Mann listens to news reports from Radio London during an air-raid alert. Anna Seghers flees Paris on foot with her children. Lion Feuchtwanger is held captive in a French internment camp while the SS approaches. They all end up in Marseille, seeking a route to freedom from there. Here, Walter Benjamin hands over his final essay to Hannah Arendt before setting off across the Pyrenees. Marseille is the place where the paths of numerous German and Austrian writers, intellectuals and artists cross. Uwe Wittstock recounts tales of unimaginable courage and utter despair, of defiant hope and humanity in dark times.

UWE WITTSTOCK is a writer and journalist and was an editor at the newspaper Focus until 2018. He worked as a literary editor for the FAZ, as an editor at S. Fischer, and as deputy arts editor and cultural correspondent for Die Welt. He was awarded the Theodor Wolff Prize for Journalism.

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25 illustrations
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Uwe Neumahr **The Bookshop of Exiles**

Paris 1940: Refuge and Resistance

- Uwe Neumahr tells the story of this famous place during the German occupation for the first time
- Two courageous booksellers and a love that defied convention
- Where the paths of Joyce and Hemingway, André Gide and Simone de Beauvoir, Walter Benjamin, Gisèle Freund, and many others crossed
- Brilliantly and captivatingly written

Two booksellers in occupied Paris: A story of love and literature

They are literary legends. Adrienne Monnier and Sylvia Beach shaped literary Paris for decades with their neighboring bookshops. But in 1940, everything changed. Their literary oasis in the heart of the city became a refuge for German-Jewish exiles and a center of resistance.

Uwe Neumahr recounts the story of this remarkable couple and their circle. In the roaring twenties, *Shakespeare and Company* and *The House of Book Lovers* became meeting points for writers, intellectuals and artists like James Joyce, Ernest Hemingway, Pablo Picasso, Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir.

With the German invasion of France, literature itself came under threat. Among the occupiers was Ernst Jünger. While Gertrude Stein ingratiated herself with the new Vichy regime Adrienne Monnier and Sylvia Beach did everything they could to save their friends Walter Benjamin, Gisèle Freund, Siegfried Kracauer and many others.

Drawing on archival research, Uwe Neumahr tells this dramatic historical chapter for the first time. It is a story of great literature and its creation, of persecution, violence and humanity, and of the love between two utterly extraordinary women.

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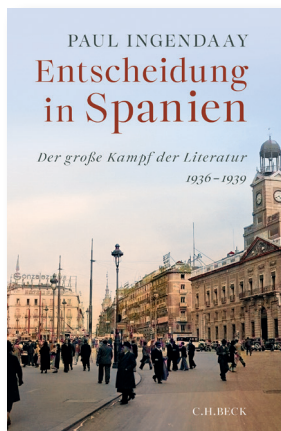
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Chinese: New Star Press Co., Ltd.



304 pages with
24 illustrations
Hardcover

Paul Ingendaay

Decision in Spain

The Great Battle of Literature 1936-1939

- From the weapons of the mind to the weapons of war: idealists and ideologues in the hail of bullets
- A gripping look at the events leading up to World War II
- Paul Ingendaay tells a vivid and atmospheric story: a great reading adventure

Orwell, Hemingway, Simone Weil:
When literature entered the war

On July 19, 1936, General Francisco Franco boards a plane bound for Tetuán to join a rebellion against the Spanish Republic. The coup causes horror around the globe and a spontaneous and fierce resistance. Tens of thousands from all over the world volunteer to help the country defend itself against the invasion from within. They are artists, reporters, intellectuals, and persecuted individuals; they are helpers and nurses, idealists, and adventurers.

Spain expert and award-winning novelist Paul Ingendaay tells their story. Summer 1936: In Madrid, residents cool the hot pavement with water, while a few houses away, a gun is drawn in parliament. At the Wagner Festival in Bayreuth, Hitler receives a letter: a certain General Franco asks him for military support in a coup against the Spanish government. Amid all the turmoil, a haphazard group of volunteers sets out to defend Spain against the fascist coup. Ernest Hemingway, George Orwell, Martha Gellhorn, André Malraux, Arthur Koestler, Willy Brandt, Simone Weil, and others join them. It is a time of great decisions in Europe but also of coincidences, accidents, and tragic irony. Paul Ingendaay tells a gripping story of courage and blindness in the prologue to World War II.

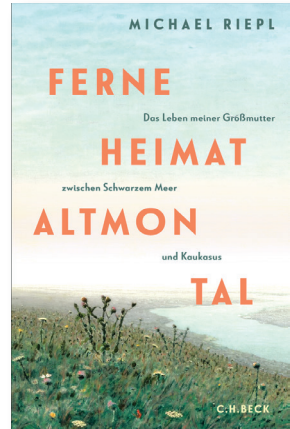
PAUL INGENDAAY is a journalist, novelist, literary critic and scholar. For nearly two decades he reported for the FAZ from Madrid before becoming its Europe correspondent in Berlin in 2016. In 1997 he received the Alfred Kerr Prize for Literary Criticism.

Michael Riepl

A Distant Homeland: Altmontal

My Grandmother's Life Between the Black Sea and the Caucasus

- Masterfully written, literary, gripping, heart-wrenching



304 pages with
5 illustrations and 1 map

The setting is at Altmontal, a German village by the Black Sea where Hedwig Krämer was born in 1919 and sees her fairy-tale world turning into a living hell through famine, persecution and war. She succeeds to escape in 1942.

Michael Riepl sensitively recounts his grandmother's early years, drawing frequent parallels with present-day Ukraine at war. His brilliantly written book reads almost as a novel, yet it is a true family story about home, hardship and the incredible courage to face life. At the age of 75, she begins to write down her life story: her childhood in Altmontal, her youth in the Caucasus, her work as a young assistant doctor in Ukraine, and her escape to Bavaria during the Second World War. When her grandson discovers her memoirs after her death, he is getting prepared for Kyiv to work there for an aid organization. His humanitarian commitment coincides with his exploration of his ancestral roots. Michael Riepl ingeniously combines his grandmother's story and creates with his own experiences in Ukraine and the Caucasus a breathtaking narrative about a young woman who, against all odds, decides to become a doctor.

MICHAEL RIEPL, a lawyer and writer, conducts research on International Law and Eastern Europe at the Academy for European Human Rights Protection in Cologne. For the International Red Cross, he spent four years in Ukraine, Armenia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo working on matters related to prisoners of war, tracing missing persons and delivering aid. He lives with his family in Armenia.



320 pages
Hardcover

Christiane Hoffmann

The Dreams We Had

My Friend, Russia, Ukraine and Me

- Christiane Hoffmann's moving memoirs of a special friendship
- Christiane Hoffmann spent the crucial years in Russia and Ukraine
- She observed the upheavals in world politics very closely

Christiane Hoffmann on the loss of personal and political dreams

Further works by Christiane Hoffmann published by C.H.Beck:

Everything We Don't Remember

Chinese: New Star Press

Italian: Omgrafia

Polish: Osrodek Karta

Swedish: Pröckl & Pröckl Förlag AB

The late 1980s: a group of young women are studying Russian. They read Dostoevsky, drink vodka and travel through the Soviet Union, which is disintegrating. It is a time of new beginnings, of hopes and dreams of a democratic Russia and a peaceful Europe. Decades later, one of them commits suicide, precisely when Russia invades Ukraine. In a deeply moving way, this book intertwines a personal story with the upheavals of world politics. It tells of the calamity we failed to foresee because we did not want to see it, asking what we can change and what is inevitable. It is also the story of a friendship. Christiane Hoffmann's stirring book is not only sensitively observed and brilliantly written but it also manages to build bridges across the gaps created by these topics within our society.

CHRISTIANE HOFFMANN did Slavic Studies, Eastern European History and Journalism in Freiburg, Leningrad and Hamburg. She worked for the newspaper FAZ for almost 20 years and reported as a foreign correspondent from Moscow and Tehran. In early 2013, she moved to SPIEGEL's Berlin bureau and was a frequent guest on radio and television before becoming First Deputy Spokesperson for the Federal Government.

Helwig Schmidt-Glintzer

Buddha

The Life of Siddhartha Gautama

- What we can know today about the life and original teachings of the Buddha
- For anyone interested in the origins of Buddhism as a wisdom and art of living
- A wonderfully readable book written by a proven expert on the history of Buddhism

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History of Chinese Literature

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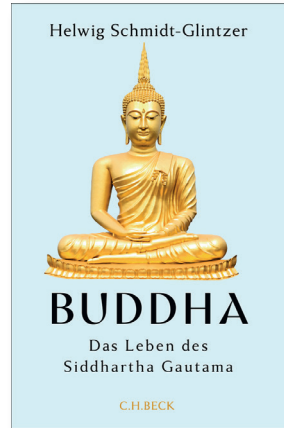
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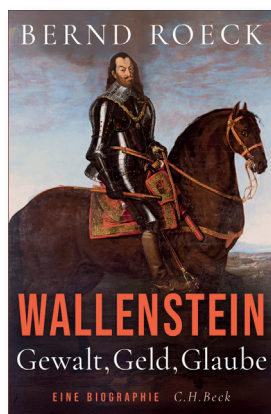


416 pages with
29 illustrations and 1 map
Hardcover

**The Life and
Teachings of
Siddhartha Gautama**

The life of Buddha is shrouded in legends and mysteries. Helwig Schmidt-Glintzer explains what we can know with a reasonable degree of certainty about Socrates' contemporary, and reinterprets the classical legends surrounding his birth, enlightenment, teachings and passing in a new perspective. His beautifully narrated biography shows why it is still worthwhile today to explore the 'Enlightened One' and his peaceful philosophy. Siddhartha Gautama was probably born in 448 BC in what is now Nepal as the son of a prince. He attained enlightenment at around the age of 35, gathered companions and disciples around him, and entered Nirvana in 368 BC. Helwig Schmidt-Glintzer recounts his life story thus illustrating this original message. His philosophy was aimed at enlightened individuals of all castes. This sensitively written biography impressively unearths obscured dimensions of Buddha's life and teachings.

HELWIG SCHMIDT-GLINTZER is a Professor Emeritus of Sinology. He held chairs in East Asian Studies in Munich and Göttingen, was Director of the Herzog August Library in Wolfenbüttel and Founding Director of the China Centre in Tübingen. Various publications.



Bernd Roeck

Wallenstein

Violence, Money, Faith: A Biography

- The first major biography of Wallenstein in over 50 years
- War profiteer and mercenary leader – how Wallenstein became unimaginably rich and powerful
- Brilliantly told: a historical page-turner
- By one of the foremost experts on the period
- A sweeping panorama of the Thirty Years' War

720 pages with 70 illustrations, some in color and 10 maps

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The World at First Light

Italian: Ulrico Hoepli S.p.A.

Chinese (splfd): Shanghai Dook Publishing Co. Ltd.

English: Princeton University Press

Violence, Money, Faith – Bernd Roeck's masterful biography of Wallenstein

The life of Albrecht von Wallenstein was a unique drama set against the backdrop of the Thirty Years' War. Through trading in soldiers, armaments and other business ventures, Wallenstein amassed immense wealth enabling him to become a duke and commander in-chief of the imperial army. In his magnificent biography, Bernd Roeck paints a sweeping panorama of the era and chronicles Wallenstein's meteoric rise right up to his death, which remains shrouded in mystery. He is one of the most fascinating figures in European history. His life inspired poets. Bernd Roeck, an expert on the period, describes the marketplace of violence where warlords such as Wallenstein recruited their men. He recounts a time when battles were fought in Europe in the name of religion, bringing untold suffering upon the population. Violence, money and faith: Wallenstein, the mercenary leader as brutal as intelligent, comes to life in this major new biography.

BERND ROECK is a Professor Emeritus of Modern History at the University of Zurich and one of the foremost experts on the early modern period.

Hans Woller

Thomas Mann

Biography of a Political Figure

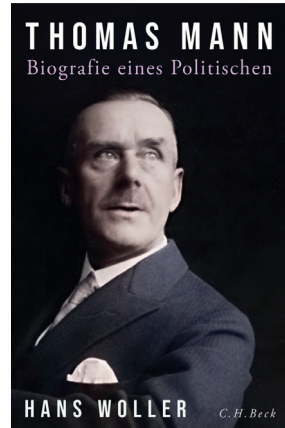
- Thomas Mann's enduring significance lies in his political interventions
- A leading contemporary historian on Thomas Mann and the 20th century
- October 2026: 125th anniversary of *Buddenbrooks*

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Mussolini

Italian: Carocci Editore, S.p.A.

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496 pages with
17 illustrations

A Political Biography of Thomas Mann

Thomas Mann is on everyone's lips – above all as a homosexual and as the head of a sort of German cultural aristocracy, whose morbid history seems to provide a constant source of material for bestsellers. His works, however, are being read less and less. Is Thomas Mann becoming a 'curiosity for archivists quickly gathering dust' as other classics? Historian Hans Woller takes a very different view and shows that Thomas Mann's significance lies above all in his political work. Regardless of his self-portrayal as a detached apostle of pure art, he was, throughout his life, a homo politicus who stood at the center of political debate for decades. Traitor to his country, ally of the Jews, Moscow's useful idiot and a democrat at heart – he has been condemned, denounced and glorified as a role model. Hans Woller rediscovers the political Thomas Mann and dispels many misconceptions. This elitist patrician was uncomfortable for his contemporaries. Precisely for this reason he still has so much to tell us.

HANS WOLLER worked for many years at the Institute for Contemporary History and was editor-in-chief of the paper *Vierteljahrshefte für Zeitgeschichte* from 1994 to 2015.



Hilmar Klute

Hermann Hesse

Or The Departure into Life

150th birthday on 2 July 2027

208 pages with
15 illustrations
Hardcover

Hermann Hesse is the poet of new beginnings. He calls upon his readers not to stand still but to try out new perspectives and to be true to themselves. Generations of readers have found confidence in the world and a path to their true selves through his books. Hilmar Klute guides us through Hesse's life and his literary universe, explaining the life-shaping power of this writer. It is no coincidence that Hermann Hesse (1877–1962) ranks among the most widely read authors in world literature. He seems to have written his books solely of himself, yet many readers find their own struggles, longings and thoughts reflected in his books.

Hilmar Klute recounts how Hesse inspired him to become a reader and what insights into life he owes him. He portrays Hesse as a sarcastic social critic, an alert and uncompromising pacifist and humanitarian, and describes his experiences of war, dictatorship and injustice. Hesse who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1946 immediately after the war, went through many personal and political crises himself thus becoming a beacon of hope in dark times.

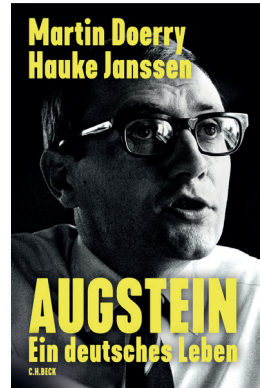
HILMAR KLUTE is a journalist and writer. Since 1999, he has been writing columns, reports and essays for the newspaper *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. Various publications.

Martin Doerry | Hauke Janssen

Augstein

A German Life

- 80th anniversary of the newspaper *Der Spiegel*
- Two SPIEGEL staff members write about their former boss using his personal papers for the first time
- The ruptures of German history embodied in one person: The life of Rudolf Augstein
- The dark side of an icon, a critical portrait of the champion of press freedom



400 pages with
30 illustrations

The man who invented SPIEGEL

To mark the 80th anniversary of the news magazine DER SPIEGEL, this major biography of its founder, Rudolf Augstein, is being published, based on previously unknown archival sources. Two former SPIEGEL journalists have written a critical portrait of their former boss, the founder of the Newspaper *Der Spiegel*. He was arguably the most influential German journalist of the 20th century: Rudolf Augstein fought against the stifling atmosphere of the Adenauer years, against clericalism and corruption, and had been regarded as an icon of press freedom ever since the *Spiegel* affair. Yet behind his successes as a liberal journalist and publisher, we see a torn existence, traumatized by harrowing wartime experiences. 'Augstein was a man driven by ambition and his thirst for power, who fought tenaciously for his goals, for his own political ambitions within the FDP and, above all, for the return to national unity and greatness.

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Franz Burda: Entertainment for Millions

Norbert Frei | Tim Schanetzky | Sybille Steinbacher

The Man behind BUNTE

Franz Burda and his Media

- 30 September 2026: 40th anniversary of Franz Burda's death
- From a small printer in Offenburg to one of Germany's major media entrepreneurs

Further works by Norbert Frei published by C.H.Beck:

Adenauer's Germany and the Nazi Past

English: Columbia University Press

Polish: Wydawnictwo Trio

The Leader State

Czech: Euromedia Group k.s.

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Polish: Polish Scientific Publishers

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Spanish: Editorial Melusina

The new medium became his opportunity: Franz Burda (1903–1986), son of a small printing press owner in tranquil Offenburg, was quick to act when the triumph of radio began to take shape in the mid-1920s. Building on the radio guide *Sürag*, Burda developed his own business, which continued growing even during the Nazi era, developing into an impressive printing and publishing group after the war, ranking today among the largest media companies in Germany. Following political conformity during the Third Reich and profiting from Aryanization and skillful maneuvering during the occupation, Franz Burda supplied the young Federal Republic with millions of copies of colorful entertainment material. The newspaper Bunte emerged as a lasting success. Burda Fashion, run by his wife Aenne, had a decisive influence on the fashion of the era and the Burdas also made their mark on the history of German television entertainment with the Bambi awards. Tracing the life of the company's founder, the authors reveal the political core of a 'colorful' form of entertainment which became entangled in three political systems.

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Kristina Milz | Julia Schneidawind

Class Photo 1937

The Story of a Jewish School Class

- Childhood and survival in the shadow of the Holocaust
- A sensitive account through the eyes of the children



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Who survived from my class?

It is a snapshot: in May 1937, the third-year class of the Jewish Primary School on Herzog-Rudolf-street in Munich gathered for a class photo. Taking this photo as a starting point, the book explores a collective biography of all the children pictured. Drawing on diaries, memoirs and interviews, it reveals how diverse Jewish life in Germany was before the rise of National Socialism – and how radically it was destroyed. From a single photo, a panorama of a generation unfolds, caught between childlike innocence, brutal persecution, flight and a cautious new beginning. Their names are Hugo, Bertel, Sigi and Mella. The book follows them telling us about growing discrimination and a youth living constantly in emergency. We learn about their transport to England or their emigration to the USA, Turkey or Argentina, as well as about their deportation to the East, to the ghettos and camps, and their life in hiding. Eleven of the children did not survive. Some of the survivors later tried to find out what happened to their former schoolmates, carrying this one question with them for the rest of their lives: 'My class. Who survived?'

KRISTINA MILZ and **JULIA SCHNEIDAWIND** are Historians at the University of Munich.



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GUNILLA BUDDE is Professor of German and European History at the University of Oldenburg. She is a member of the jury for the Federal President's History Competition, chairs the board of trustees of the Toy Museum in Soltau, and has written scripts for the Oldenburg Children's University.

GRETA VON RICHTHOFEN is a multi-award-winning artist specializing in documentary graphic novels and street art. She lives with her family in Munich but spends most of her time travelling the world.

Gunilla Budde | Greta von Richthofen

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Over the last 500 years, capitalism has created a world interlinked economically and, at the same time, extremely asymmetrical. In his brilliant book, Friedrich Lenger describes developments concerning all of us. His global history of capitalism deals with growing prosperity and extreme poverty, with oppression and violence, and with the threat to our planet for which we must pay today. Drawing on a stupendous wealth of knowledge, Friedrich Lenger recounts the global triumph of capitalism. He explains its dynamics, as the unequal consumption of fossil resources and environmental destruction. Just as indifferent as commercial and industrial capitalists were towards nature, so were they towards human suffering. The millions of slaves who toiled on the plantations of the Americas well into the 19th century are just one example of the compatibility of unfree labor and the capitalist economy. This book is essential to anyone who wishes to understand today's world and its basic problems.

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From Adenauer to Olaf Scholz

Politics and power are always in a tense relationship. Peter-André Alt has taken a close look at the Federal Chancellors and their relationship with the intellectual life of the Republic. The result is a highly insightful book on the political culture of the Federal Republic, brimming with stories about Heinrich Böll and Günter Grass, Wolf Biermann and Christa Wolf, Eva Menasse and Juli Zeh. Heads of government and the critical intelligentsia share the common concern to reflect on the major issues dividing the nation. Often, however, they are at odds, sometimes over political goals, sometimes over the right ways to achieve them. Rearmament and freedom of the press, East-West antagonism, emergency laws and student revolt, détente, terrorism, environmental movement and reunification, migration policy and the integration debate. All these issues were the subject of public debate. Peter-André Alt has examined this network of relationships for the first time making it accessible to the field of contemporary history.

PETER-ANDRÉ ALT is Professor of Modern German Literature at the University of Berlin, which he led as President from 2010 to 2018. From 2018 to 2023, he was President of the German Rectors' Conference, and since April 2023 he has headed the Wübben Foundation for Science in Berlin.

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Simplified Chinese: Central Compilation and Translation Press

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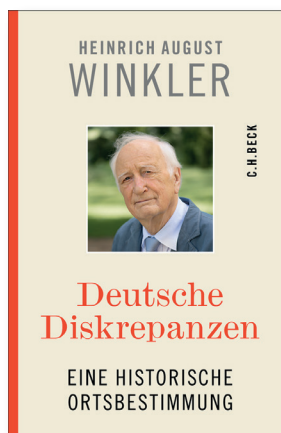
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Japanese: Hakusuisha Publishing

Someone must have slandered Josef K.

Italian: Keller editore



Heinrich August Winkler **German Discrepancies** A Historical Assessment

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HEINRICH AUGUST WINKLER, born in 1938 in Königsberg, is one of Germany's most prominent Historians. He taught Modern Contemporary History in Freiburg from 1972 to 1991 and at the University in Berlin from 1991 to 2007. In 2014, he received the Hans Ringier Foundation's Europe Prize for Political Culture, and in 2016 the Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding. In 2018, the Federal President awarded him the Grand Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

**Further works by Heinrich August Winkler published by
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Simplified Chinese: Social Sciences Academic Press

Is the West Collapsing?

Simplified Chinese: CITIC Press Corporation

Serbian: Albatros plus d.o.o.

The Long Way West, 2 vols.

English: Oxford University Press

Italian: Donzelli Editore

French: Librairie Arthème Fayard

Polish: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego

Hungarian: Osiris Kiado

Japanese: Showado Publishing Co.

Simplified Chinese: Moveable Type Legacy

A History of the West: The Era of the World Wars 1914 – 1945

English: Yale University Press

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Robert Kindler

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From a Land of Nomads to a State on the Steppe

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Kindler focuses on the history of the past 300 years, from Russian expansion into the steppe in the 18th century, through the establishment of a colonial order and the Soviet dictatorship, to the recent history of an independent Kazakhstan. He is particularly interested in the question of how Kazakh people cope with imperial models of order, and how they shaped them.

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Bernd Stöver

History of the USA

From the first colony to the present day

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Simplified Chinese: Lijiang Publishing House

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Simplified Chinese: Changsha Senxin

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BERND STÖVER after posts in Bielefeld and Washington D.C., now teaches as a Professor of Modern History, specializing in Global History, at the University of Potsdam. Various publications.



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Matthias Häussler

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The Wars of the Ovaherero and Nama
against German Colonial Rule

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- Only in 2021 Germany recognized the genocide against the Ovaherero and apologized

The First Genocide of the 20th century: Germany's bloody colonial past

German Southwest Africa, 1904: Ovahereros revolt against German colonial rule. To break their resistance, German troops commit the first genocide of the 20th century. Later, Nama also took up the fight against colonial rule. Matthias Häussler presents the first comprehensive account of the bloody wars in the land called Namibia today. 'He has taken upon himself the 'burden of the sun', and it will crush him,' prophesied the Nama leader Hendrik Witbooi to the Ovaherero leader, Kamaharero, when the latter signed the protection treaty with the German Empire in 1890. He was right. In his compelling account, Matthias Häussler shows how the violence gradually escalated. He does not describe the Herero and the Nama as powerless victims, but as independent actors whose capabilities and successes surprised the colonial rulers and fueled their determination to annihilate them.

MATTHIAS HÄUSSLER is a research fellow at the Institute for Diaspora and Genocide Research at the University of Bochum and one of the leading experts on Germany's colonial past in Namibia.

Gilad Seliktar

The Secret of the Jewish Hospital

Based on the Memoirs of Klaus Zwilsky

With an afterword by Aubrey Pommerance

Translated from English by Rita Seuß

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- A gripping graphic novel by the Israeli illustrator Gilad Seliktar
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- 'A way of presenting history that could hardly be more vivid.' – Andreas Platthaus, FAZ, on *Aber ich lebe/ But I live*



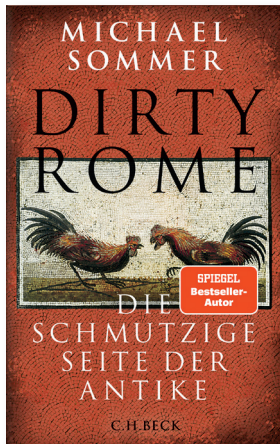
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A Jewish boy survives the Holocaust in the heart of Berlin

September 1943: Klaus Zwilsky's parents are forced to leave their Berlin flat and move with their son to the Jewish Hospital, where the father ran the pharmacy. This marks the beginning of one of the most extraordinary Jewish survival stories in the 'Third Reich', as the hospital was the only Jewish institution in Nazi Germany that was never shut down. Gilad Seliktar has captured Klaus Zwilsky's memories in a masterful graphic novel illustrating what survival means. 'Gilad Seliktar visited him at his home in Palm Springs, California, and in this new book he recounts Gilad's experiences in that dark period in a moving graphic novel. He even succeeds in depicting his encounter with Klaus Zwilsky allowing us to look back through his eyes. An insightful afterword explains what we know today about the incredible history of the Jewish Hospital during the 'Third Reich'.

GILAD SELIKTAR, author of internationally successful graphic novels, he was awarded an honorable mention at the 2018 Israel Museum Ben-Yitzhak Award ceremony. He teaches at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem and is author of our title 'But I Am Alive: Four Children Survive the Holocaust'.

CHARLOTTE SCHALLIÉ is a Professor of German Studies at the University of Victoria in Canada. She is the director of the 'Survivor-Centred Visual Narratives' project and editor of the multi-award-winning anthology 'But I Am Alive: Four Children Survive the Holocaust'.



352 pages with
13 illustrations and
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Rome. The Dirty Truth

The seedy side of Rome was certainly no mere accident of antiquity, but the flip side of its greatness. It did not lie on the periphery but operated deep within its heart: in the air one breathed, in the bread one ate, in the houses in which one lived, in the bodies that fell ill, and in the rumors that destroyed entire lives. This book not only sheds light on the dark side of the Roman elite, the senators and empresses, but also takes us right into the heart of the noisy, filthy and dangerous lives of ordinary people. Rome was certainly both: a glittering metropolis rightly called the 'Capital of the World', and a rubbish heap stinking to heaven. Living conditions, medical care and food supplies were poor by modern standards. Women, slaves and those on the margins of society were treated like the dregs of society. And those in power abused it. Corruption, nepotism and electoral manipulation were rife, whilst a woefully misinformed public was constantly bombarded with rumors and fake news.

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Michael Sommer

Dirty Rome

The Dirty Side of Antiquity

- Welcome to the dark side of the Roman world
- Out and about with ordinary people on the streets of ancient Rome
- Michael Sommer offers a vibrant panorama of everyday life in the Roman Empire
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Turkish: Repar Tasarim

Italian: Il Mulino

Economic History of Antiquity

Turkish: Repar Tasarim

Chinese (simplified): Beijing Phoenix-Power Cultural Development

Dark Rome. The secret Life of the Romans

Italian: Mondadori Electa S.p.A.

Spanish: Grupo editorial Akal

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Polish: ZNAK

Rene Pfeilschifter

Rome

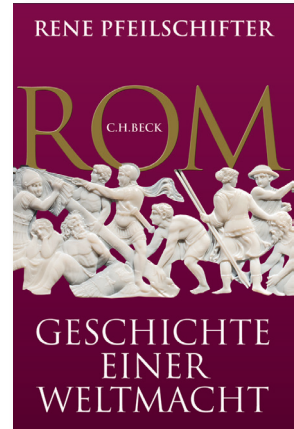
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Late Antiquity

Italian: Giulio Einaudi Editore



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From Romulus to Muhammad – the entire history of Rome told afresh

Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire have lost none of its fascination. How on earth could a small village on seven hills become the undisputed ruler of the entire Mediterranean region and of Western and South-Eastern Europe? And what factors contributed to its dissolution in late antiquity? In this book, Rene Pfeilschifter recounts 1,400 years of Roman history, in an engaging and entertaining way.

From the legendary founding of the city in 753 BC and the fall of the monarchy, this monumental account traces the bloody rise of the Republic – including its wars against Hannibal and his allies, through Julius Caesar, the first emperor Augustus and the division into the Eastern and Western Empires, right up to the rise of Islam, thus painting a panorama of a vanished world that only at first glance seems very close to us.

RENE PFEILSCHIFTER has been a Professor of Ancient History at the University of Würzburg since 2012 and is an expert on Roman history, particularly the Republic and Late Antiquity.



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Winfried Schmitz

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The Messenians and their Struggle
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A bloody struggle against Sparta

On one side the Spartans, on the other the Messenians, both speak the Doric dialect, both consider themselves to be descendants of the mythical Heracleids. The cause of their violent conflict is lost in early history, shrouded in legend. Around 600 BC, the Spartans succeeded in defeating the Messenians, subjugating them for the next 230 years. They deprived their neighbors of an independent cultural development and of their place in Greek history. This book gives them back their voice and even concludes with a happy ending since they succeeded in regaining their freedom and founded the city of Messene.

Over many years, Winfried Schmitz has travelled to Messenia, one of Greece's most beautiful landscapes where he researched its myths, historical sources and archaeological testimonies.

WINFRIED SCHMITZ taught as a Professor of Ancient History at the University of Bonn until 2024. He published several monographs on the society, economy and history of Archaic and Classical Greece.

Jonas Grethlein

Prometheus

The Power of a Myth. From Antiquity to Elon Musk

- The curse and blessing of technology – from antiquity to the present day
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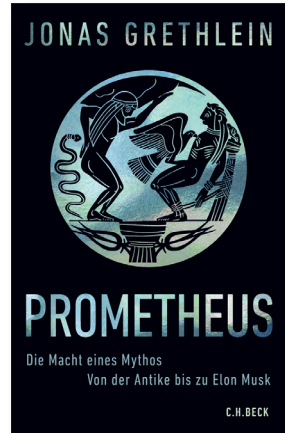
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English: Princeton University Press

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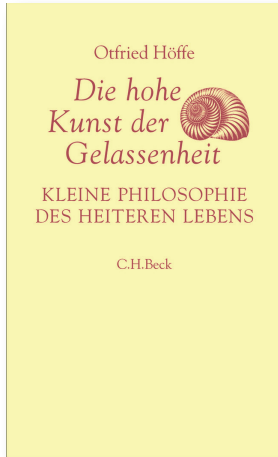
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Jonas Grethlein's brilliant essay on technology and freedom

Like almost no other figure in Greek mythology, the Titan Prometheus has remained a source of inspiration and a role model over the centuries: Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, Karl Marx and Elon Musk are just the best-known examples. In the myth, Prometheus, the founder of civilization, stole fire from the gods and brought it to humankind, along with the most important technologies. Anyone who embarks on a journey through 2,500 years of intellectual history with Jonas Grethlein will discover the fascination of Prometheus and will understand today's world better.

As a philanthropist who rebelled against the authority of the gods, Prometheus has always been one of the most enigmatic figures of antiquity. He was celebrated as a hero of freedom who was himself chained and punished for his rebellion. His gift of technology has, at least since the modern era, proved to be a double-edged sword (the atomic bomb, cloning, AI) threatening both humanity and the environment. Jonas Grethlein weaves these three themes technology, freedom, and labor into an illuminating reflection on our present day.

JONAS GRETHLEIN is an internationally renowned Classical Philologist who teaches as a Professor at the University of Heidelberg. In 2024, he was awarded the Leibniz Prize for his research. Various Publications.



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The Fine Art of Serenity

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OTFRIED HÖFFE is a Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Tübingen, Director of the Centre for Political Philosophy there, and Professor of Practical Philosophy at Tsinghua University in Beijing. His work focuses primarily on ethics and political philosophy, as well as on Kant and Aristotle. Various publications.

**Further works by Otfried Höffe published
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Italian: il Mulino

Japanese: Hosei University Press

Korean: Moonye Publishing Co.

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The Fine Art of Aging

Simplified Chinese: Social Sciences Academic Press

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Justice

Japanese: Faculty of Law of the University of Tokyo

Portuguese: Universitätsverlag PUCR Porto Alegre

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Economic Citizen, National Citizen, World Citizen

Simplified Chinese: Shanghai Translation Publishers

Spanish: Katz editores

A Little History of Philosophy

Spanish: Ediciones Peninsula

Polish: Polish Scientific Publishers

Aristotle

Portuguese: Artmed Editora S.A.

Art of Life and Morality

English: Northwestern University Evanston

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Korean: Hangilsa Publishing Co.

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English: State University of New York

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English: University of Chicago Press

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Portuguese: Edicoes Loyola

Kant's Critique of Practical Reason

Japanese: Hosei University Press

Lexicon of Ethics

Korean: Ye-Kyong-Publication Co.

Spanish: Editorial Critica

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Navid Kermani

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A Feeling

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– Henning Krautmacher, Höhner

Navid Kermani's declaration of love for his city: Cologne

Cologne is sacred, mad, grubby, laid-back, cosmopolitan, home to parallel cultures, hospitable, cold-hearted and endearing, an ancient city on a great river which takes pride in its composure whilst stumbling from one disaster to the next. Cologne is a feeling! In this book, Navid Kermani brings together his finest writings on Cologne and its people. A literary, combative, moving declaration of love for a whimsical city.

NAVID KERMANI is a distinguished Orientalist and lives as a freelance writer in Cologne. He has been awarded the Kleist Prize, the Joseph Breitbach Prize, the Friedrich Hölderlin Prize, the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade and the Thomas Mann Prize, amongst others, for his work.

Further works by Kermani published by C.H.Beck:

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English: Haus Publishing/Arabia Book

Along the Trenches

Chinese (simpl.): Social Sciences Ac. Press

Italian: Keller Editore

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Kroatian: Naklada Ljevak d.o.o.

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English: Polity Press

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Persian: Kargadan Publishing H.

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Dutch: Uitgeverij Cossee

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English: Polity Press

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English: Polity Press

Dutch: Uitgeverij Cossee

Spanish: Editorial Trotta

Norwegian: Mentor Medier

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Isabel Schayani

Unlikely Friendships

Six Stories Against Hatred

- True inspiring stories helping to overcome the divisions in society
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144 pages
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Against Hatred: Six moving stories about unexpected friendships

Countless relationships break down because friends suddenly and unexpectedly find themselves on opposing sides. Through six vividly told examples, Isabel Schayani shows how these divides can nevertheless be bridged. Her true stories against hatred offer encouragement. A Palestinian man loses his wife in an assassination by a radical settler and befriends an Israeli woman whose son is killed by Hamas on 7 October 2023. Anna, a Ukrainian woman, flees the Russian-occupied Donbas. Her correspondence with her mother Lilja, left behind, is suddenly deemed contact with the enemy. These and other stories show that hardly anyone can escape the hostility between states, peoples, religions or political camps, especially not when personal losses are involved. Isabel Schayani's heart-warming stories encourage us to forge even unlikely friendships with generosity and humility, realism, shared visions, love and humor.

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There is no greater contrast than between the academy and the avant-garde: on the one hand, the unworldly stronghold of authoritarian traditionalists; on the other, the turbulent milieu of radical innovators. Yet the overlap between these two opposing forces was greater than it appears: their tension sheds light on the history of modern art from a completely new perspective.

The narrative arc begins with the painter Asmus Jakob Carstens, who resigned from his professorship at the Berlin Academy in 1792, and ends with Joseph Beuys, who was dismissed without notice in 1972. In the two centuries in between, academies and avant-garde movements shaped the transformation of the art world. The modernization of art was their shared achievement. Grasskamp examines the myths of avant-gardism as well as the clichés of anti-academicism persisting to this day.

WALTER GRASSKAMP was Professor of Art History at the Munich Academy of Fine Arts. Various Publications.



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Walter A. Sontag

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Understanding Animals. A new psychology of animals

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WALTER A. SONTAG has been an Associate Scientist at the Natural History Museum in Vienna since 2006. For over 40 years she has been researching the variability and personality of birds all over the world. In addition, for over 20 years he wrote articles on nature and culture for different newspapers.

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Digital Child

A scary resemblance between New Media and Children's Brains

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The New Media and a Child's Brain: A scary resemblance

According to common sense, it's clear: childhood and digital media don't mix, not at all. Whilst we ourselves can barely resist our favorite apps we debate on mobile phones in schools. The dominance of smartphones and social media in children's everyday lives is alarming, however we tend to oversee why they were able to become so widespread in the first place. For the first time, we live with communication technologies relying not primarily on language, but on early childhood neurological predispositions. The world of swiping, pointing and touching is almost magically attuned to these brain functions as if children have found a new home here. Pediatric neurologist Florian Heinen and digital philosopher Jörg Noller explore this 'trade secret' of the digital revolution. Beyond both alarmism and trivialization, the authors seek new ideas for an adequate use of digital media and a more precise understanding of the risks of digital technologies for childhood as well as for the child living on within us as adults.

FLORIAN HEINEN is a Pediatric Neurologist and Neuroscientist. He heads the departments of Neuropediatric and Social Pediatrics at the University of Munich.

JÖRG NOLLER is a Philosopher and private lecturer at the University of Munich. His research and publications focus on the philosophy and ethics of the digital world.



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'It was a perfectly ordinary Tuesday, until it wasn't.'

When the author, then aged 31, was diagnosed with breast cancer, she searched in vain for a book that would support her on her journey into the unknown, both emotionally and medically. Eventually, she wrote this book herself drawing on her experiences as a patient and her scientific knowledge as a molecular biologist. One in eight women develops breast cancer, and the trend is rising. When Kristin Vöing experienced the reality of this statistic at first-hand, she began to write a diary. Honestly, authentically and movingly as if she were telling her story to her best friend, she writes about hope and fear, about feeling like a stranger in her own body, and about the emotional rollercoaster that her loved ones are also riding. Breaking down the medical facts in a clear and accessible way she explains how cancer develops, how chemotherapy works, and what options there are for those hoping to have children. A moving yet encouraging memoir.

KRISTIN VÖING holds a PhD in Molecular Biology and lives in Münster.

Justus Bender

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When right-wing populists rule the country Justus Bender's provocative scenario

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Justus Bender tells of a downfall without spectacle. This makes his vision so realistic. His book is set in the future, but in truth it deals with a present in which there is still hope, explaining precisely what policies and communication are needed today to prevent tomorrow's failure.

JUSTUS BENDER, born in 1981, studied Philosophy and American studies in Frankfurt am Main. He is deputy head of Politics at the newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung and is regarded as one of the most knowledgeable experts on the AfD. Bender has been observing the party since its early days as a small Eurosceptic party. In 2017 he wrote a reference work on its rise and objectives.



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Russia's war against Ukraine has already lasted roughly as long as the entire First World War. Russian casualties are high, as are the economic costs. Vladimir Putin could have ended the war at any time. Why did he keep on fighting? And would Russia maintain peace should a ceasefire be agreed upon? In his brilliant essay, Martin Schulze Wessel, renowned expert on Eastern Europe, uses seven historical theses to demonstrate that Russia's drive for expansion will persist beyond any potential ceasefire. Anyone thinking that we can return to the world as it was to scale back our defense efforts is therefore on the wrong track. This book offers the perspective of historical scholarship, enabling us to really understand Russia's motivation for waging war better.

MARTIN SCHULZE WESSEL is a Professor of History of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe at the University of Munich and a member of The Bavarian Academy of Sciences. From 2012 to 2016, he was President of the Association of German Historians. Various publications.

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ANDREAS FULDA is a political scientist and expert on relations between China and the EU. He is an associate professor of politics at the University of Nottingham and writes regularly for media outlets such as FAZ, WirtschaftsWoche, NZZ and Foreign Policy.



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An underestimated danger and what we can do against it

Following Hamas's attack on Israel on 7 October 2023, people were horrified when some Muslims in Germany and other countries were aggressively displaying their hatred of Israel and Jews. Omar Kamil explains the nationalist, religious and anti-colonialist sources fueling Muslim anti-Semitism. For centuries, Jews were able to live largely undisturbed in the Islamic world as 'people under protection'. It was only from the colonial era onwards that Muslim anti-Semitism began to emerge, influenced by anti-Semitic tracts from Europe, the immigration of Jews to Palestine and, finally, the establishment of the State of Israel. Hundreds of thousands of Jews were expelled from Islamic countries in the 1940s and 1950s. Today, Muslim antisemitism manifests itself primarily in hatred of Israel, which is regarded as the epitome of colonial foreign rule. Omar Kamil provides a concise account of these developments focusing on Muslim antisemitism in European societies.

OMAR KAMIL conducts research and teaches at the University of Halle-Wittenberg. Previously, he held temporary and visiting professorships in Heidelberg, Erlangen, Erfurt and Jerusalem, and was a research fellow at the Simon Dubnow Institute in Leipzig.

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The key flashpoints from Ukraine to Taiwan

We are witnessing an increasing number of seemingly unresolvable conflicts, whether in Ukraine, the Caucasus, Palestine, Kashmir or Taiwan. Almost all these theatres of conflict have emerged from the ruins of great empires, and their legacies shape their immediate present. Ulrike von Hirschhausen describes why these conflicts become frozen, how people live in such regions, and shows us options for defrosting frozen conflicts. This book delves deeply into the everyday experience of societies in frozen conflicts, tracing the fates of individuals there. **Frozen Conflicts** answers the question why those conflicts are increasing and why grey areas between war and peace, between state and non-state, are likely to become a scenario for them in the future.

ULRIKE VON HIRSCHHAUSEN is Director of the German Historical Institute in Washington D.C., one of the ten humanities research institutes of the Max Weber Foundation abroad.



Hans Vorländer

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Whilst the number of liberal democracies in Europe and around the world is steadily declining, autocracies are on the rise. What is the reason for the increasing number of people sympathizing with authoritarian parties? Why are they voting right-wing populist governments into office? Has liberal and representative democracy, as it developed and consolidated after 1945, come to an end? What might come next? The multitude of crises over the past two decades – from the financial crisis and migration flows to the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine – has constantly stretched democratic politics beyond its limits. In this book, Hans Vorländer, one of the most distinguished political scientists specializing in research on democracy, assesses the state of democracy answering the question of how the future of democracy could look like and how democracy can be reimagined and newly institutionalized.

HANS VORLÄNDER is a senior Professor of Political Theory and History of Ideas at the university of Dresden and Director of The Center for Constitutional and Democracy Research.

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Fighting back. A wake-up call

Despite all its problems, Germany remains one of the most politically stable, socially secure, economically strong and socially liberal countries in the world. Yet populists and extremists paint a very different picture, seeking to dismantle democracy in Germany too. What can we do to fight back? How do we remain stable in authoritarian times? In his new book, Ilko-Sascha Kowalczuk addresses readers ready to get involved and to fight to ensure that our freedom, our democracy and our rules are not left at the mercy of enemies of humanity and fascists. Those who cherish democracy and freedom are still in the majority, but they must make their voices heard. Democracy only works with a vibrant civil society speaking out, protesting and taking responsibility. This book aims to encourage, inspire and motivate, providing arguments for the eternal global struggle for freedom and democracy.

ILKO-SASCHA KOWALCZUK is a historian and journalist, as well as a scientific adviser to the management of the 'DDR Museum' in Berlin. He is one of Germany's most renowned experts on the history of the GDR and communism.



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Judith Raupp

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Life and Survival in the Congo

- 15 years as a journalist in the Congo
- How the people of Goma cope with life-threatening dangers in times of extreme uncertainty
- 30 years of war, millions of deaths – whilst the Global North looks the other way
- An African war zone on which the world's industry depends
- Zest for life and optimism: what we can learn

Everyday Life in a State of Emergency: 15 years in the Congo

Judith Raupp has been living and working as a freelance reporter and trainer in Goma, eastern Congo, for 15 years. In her gripping book, she takes us on a journey to people who counter violence, arbitrariness and misery with their zest for life and ingenuity. We accompany her to weddings and funerals, visit the hairdresser, the university, government offices and friends in prison. Raupp also describes how she and her Congolese friends endured secret service interrogations, raids, war, Ebola and Covid. The legacy of Belgian colonial rule weighs heavily on the Congo and its 110 million inhabitants. Millions of children, women and men have been killed over the past 30 years. The wealth of raw materials found in our mobile phones, laptops, electric cars and airplanes has long since become a curse for the local population. Judith Raupp offers unique insights into the politics and everyday life of this vast country in the heart of Africa.

JUDITH RAUPP, born in 1964, was an editor at the newspaper *Süddeutsche Zeitung* from 2000 to 2010. She left to set up a press office for a women's organization in Goma, the provincial capital of eastern Congo, taught journalism at the universities in Goma, Butembo and Bukavu, and trained a team of trainers for the Association of Community Radio Stations. In 2022, the team was awarded the Johann-Philipp Palm Prize for freedom of expression and freedom of the press. Raupp is a trainer and freelance reporter in Goma.

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Who really benefits from Germany's billions spent on military Equipment

No other sector benefits as much from the war in Ukraine and the 'Zeitenwende' as the arms industry. In fact, it is a black box. The new book by security expert and investigative journalist Christian Schweppe reveals how arms policy in Germany really works and who is pulling the strings. Drawing on dozens of interviews with insiders from the secretive arms industry, Schweppe describes just how big the boom since 2022 really is. His book is also based on hundreds of confidential documents analyzed here exclusively. Schweppe also answers the question whether all these billions spent on arms really increase our safety showing us also how closely the arms industry is intertwined with politics.

CHRISTIAN SCHWEPPE writes regularly as an investigative journalist for the SPIEGEL, DIE ZEIT and STERN. He has been researching the networks of the arms industry for ten years. He focuses on German security policy and parliament. Schweppe's investigations regularly trigger official inquiries or political crisis meetings. His work has won numerous awards, including the German Bundestag Media Prize, the Otto Brenner Prize and the prestigious 'Reporter Prize'.



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Charlotte Knobloch

Carry On. Despite All

A Jewish-German Conclusion

With contributions by Aaron Buck and
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- The moving conclusion of a courageous democrat on Jewish life in Germany
- A committed plea for courage, hope and resilience – despite new threats from the far right
- Charlotte Knobloch's legacy, also and especially for the younger generation

Charlotte Knobloch's moving legacy

When Charlotte Knobloch wrote her memoirs, *In Deutschland angekommen* (Arriving in Germany), in 2012, she was convinced that Jewish life in Germany stood on a stable foundation. Here she admits: 'I was wrong!' She looks back over the last twenty years and shows how the cracks in her certainty have deepened year by year. Her resolute 'Carry on, despite all' is the impressive legacy of a courageous woman to whom democracy in Germany owes a lot. 'In this country they took everything away from my father, Fritz Neuland. But the Nazis failed to break him, his pride, his faith, his trust, his human greatness. Carry on regardless, always carry on, never give up, that was his superpower. It took me several years to adopt his attitude and his strength. But in the end, it was not fear, anger or hatred that brought me to where I am today – but love, hope, trust and the certain knowledge: I will not break! Whatever happens, I live, I fight, I carry on!' – Charlotte Knobloch.

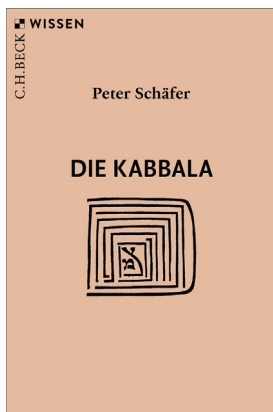
CHARLOTTE KNOBLOCH has been President of the Jewish Community of Munich and Upper Bavaria since 1985 and was also President of the Central Council of Jews in Germany from 2006 to 2010. She has played a key role in shaping Jewish life in Germany after the Holocaust in various capacities and has received numerous honors.

AARON BUCK works for the Bavarian State Parliament and was previously Head of Communications at the Jewish Community of Munich and Upper Bavaria (2010–2018).

RICHARD VOLKMANN has been Head of the Press and Public Relations Department at the Jewish Community of Munich and Upper Bavaria since 2018.

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Mysticism, Magic, Wisdom: History and Present of the Kabbalah

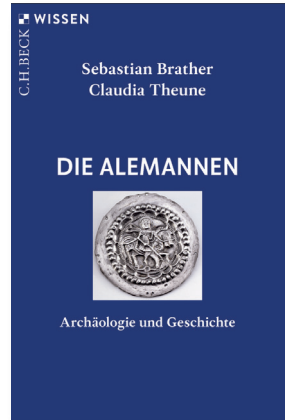
Kabbalah signifies the reception of exclusive knowledge. It refers to the 'secrets of the Torah', 'true wisdom', magical techniques, or the mystical knowledge of a hidden divine order. Peter Schäfer recounts the history of Kabbalah, from its biblical foundations through its medieval heyday to its reception in Eastern European Hasidism and the New Age. In contrast to the understanding of Kabbalah as formulated by Gershom Scholem, his masterful overview offers, for the first time, a new and more comprehensive interpretation of 'Jewish mysticism'.

PETER SCHÄFER, Professor Emeritus of Jewish Studies, taught at the Universities of Berlin and Princeton and was Director of the Jewish Museum Berlin Until 2019. He has spent decades researching Kabbalah and the mystical and rabbinic traditions shaping it.

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The Alemanni

Archaeology and History from the
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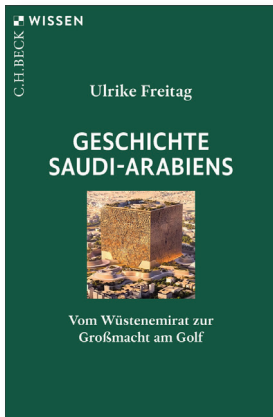
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SEBASTIAN BRATHER is Professor of Early History and Medieval Archaeology at the University of Freiburg.

CLAUDIA THEUNE is a Professor Emerita of Historical Archaeology at the University of Vienna.



Ulrike Freitag

History of Saudi Arabia

From Desert Emirate to Major Power in the Gulf

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Ulrike Freitag is Director of the Leibniz Center for the Modern Orient and Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Berlin. She is one of the foremost experts on the history and contemporary affairs of the Arabian Peninsula.

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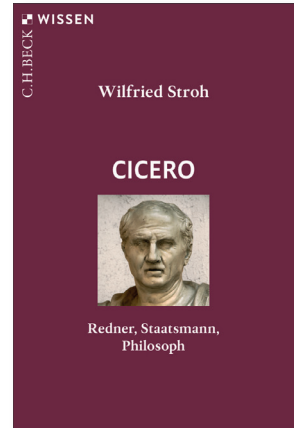
Cicero

Orator, statesman, philosopher

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WILFRIED STROH taught as a Professor of Classical Philology at University of Munich until his retirement.



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PETER FUNKE is senior Professor of Ancient History at the University of Münster focusing on the History of Athens and the Greek city-states.

Karen Radner

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The Early Civilizations of the Euphrates
and Tigris

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The ancient cultural landscape of Mesopotamia owes its prominence not least to the fact that we are informed in detail about its history thanks to early written records. Countless clay tablets provide us with insights into highly developed states, foreign cults and religions, and elaborate legal systems. Ongoing excavations expand our knowledge of this region through sometimes spectacular new discoveries. Building on this rich foundation, this volume offers a presentation of the history of ancient cities such as Ur, Uruk and Assur and also of powerful empires such as those of Akkad, Aleppo and Babylon.

KAREN RADNER, Humboldt Professor of Ancient History of The Near and Middle East at the University of Munich, was Awarded The 2022 Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize for her research.



Hans-Michael Körner

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From the Middle Ages to the Present Day

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HANS-MICHAEL KÖRNER was Professor of History Didactics at the University of Munich Focusing on Bavarian History in the 19th and 20th Centuries and the History of Education.

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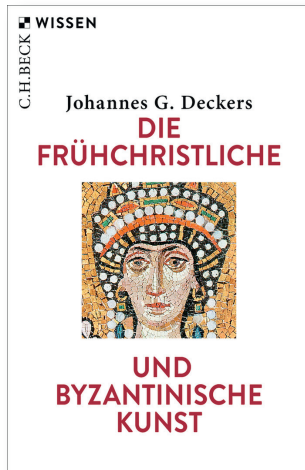
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GEORG SCHMIDT is a Professor Emeritus of Early Modern History at the University of Jena.



Johannes G. Deckers
**Early Christian and
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This volume traces the history of art from the consecration of Constantinople in 330 to the fall of the Byzantine Empire in 1453. Throughout the Mediterranean region, Christian art developed forms of visual art and architecture up to the 8th century that set standards for the subsequent history of European art. In the centuries that followed, although Byzantine art took a different path from that of Western Europe, its influence extended far beyond the borders of the Byzantine Empire. This volume provides an expert and accessible introduction to this fascinating era.

JOHANNES G. DECKERS is Professor Emeritus of Early Christian and Byzantine Art History at the University of Munich.

Angelika Nußberger

Human Rights

History, Philosophy, Conflicts



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All human beings are born free and equal: In the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 this sounds so self-evident, however it is still unreachable for countless people. In her vivid overview, Angelika Nußberger describes the history of human rights, their philosophical foundations and the current debates: Is there a human right to peace and environmental protection? How universal are these rights? Yet one thing is certain in all these questions: in an interconnected world, the importance of human rights will continue to grow.

ANGELIKA NUSSBERGER is Professor of Constitutional Law, International Law and Comparative Law at the University of Cologne. She served as a judge (2011–2019) and Vice-President (2017–2019) at the European Court of Human Rights.



Manuela Lenzen

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What exactly is AI? What can it do, and where does it fall short?

Are you looking for a summary? Or an image? Or do you simply want to ask a question? Artificial intelligence has long since become part of our everyday professional and private lives. Yet the field of AI research encompasses much more than chatbots and image generators. Manuela Lenzen describes the fundamentals, possibilities and limitations of artificial intelligence, as well as its key applications in the workplace, society, the military and science. She shows how the use of AI is already changing our world today and encourages us to embrace these new tools.

MANUELA LENZEN holds a PhD in Philosophy and writes as a freelance science journalist on digitalization, artificial intelligence and cognitive research. Various publications.

Manfred G. Schmidt

The Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany



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NORBERT SCHEUER, born in 1951, lives as a freelance writer in the Eifel region. He has received numerous awards for his literary work.

Anousch Mueller

Lori205 pages
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'There were six of us who were alive. And my sister Lori, who rests at the bottom of the Baltic Sea.'



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ANOUSCH MUELLER, born in Erfurt in 1979, studied Jewish Studies and Modern German Literature. As a journalist, she wrote for the Jüdische Zeitung, the Süddeutsche Zeitung, Die Welt, and the Berliner Zeitung. Her debut novel, *Brandstatt*, was published in 2013 and won the Jürgen Ponto Foundation's Literature Prize for the best German-language debut of the year and she read in Klagenfurt. Instagram: @anousch



Petra Ivanov

The Silence Knows Your Name

A deaf top chef is being stalked

Hardcover
256 pages

Christina Sartori is a very successful, talented cook – deaf – and in danger. While cooking the most delicious meals in Zürich's top restaurant, the deaf star cook is receiving messages from someone who knows all her moves: where she goes, what she's wearing, when she's alone, if her windows are open. She informs the police and counselling centres, accompanied by sign language interpreter Bella Kron who translates these conversations. Bella is present when she gets this phone calls, and is very shocked when a tooth pick is placed in one of her wonderful dessert creations.

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The reader is thrilled by this psychologically intense crime novel about responsibility and guilt, retribution and power in environments we don't know that much!

PETRA IVANOV spent her childhood in New York. After returning to Switzerland, she graduated from interpreting school and worked as a translator, language teacher, and journalist. Today she works as an author and teaches writing courses at schools and other institutions. Petra Ivanov has received numerous awards, including the Zurich Crime Fiction Prize twice. Her body of work includes crime novels, thrillers, romance novels, young adult books, short stories, and columns with total sales of 430'000 copies.

Rabea Edel

Portrait of my Mother with Ghosts

'A family saga spanning centuries about the search for one's roots and the truth.'

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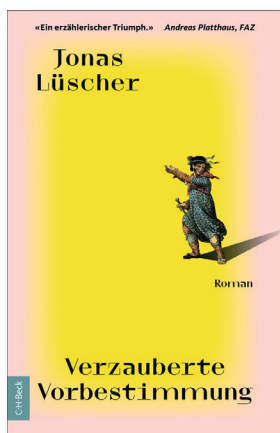


Paperback (first
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237 pages

Film rights are under negotiation

Raisa lives alone with her mother, Martha — and has always done so. She has no memories of her father. But Raisa begins to ask questions. When Mat, the boy next door, disappears, Martha begins to tell her story: About her grandmother, Dina. About lies that protect and lies that put people in danger. About the love of her life and her greatest loss. In her book, Rabea Edel chronicles her mother's moving life story and paints a portrait of a postwar generation that grew up in the shadow of violence and silence. She tells of the power of love and of reclaiming one's own history through language. A book like a kaleidoscope that focuses above all on women — and the feminine ability to reinvent oneself time and again.

RABEA EDEL, born in Bremerhaven in 1982, lives on the Moselle and in Berlin. She was a winner of the Open Mike award and a fellow of the Jürgen Ponto Foundation and the Academy of Arts. Her debut novel *Das Wasser, in dem wir schlafen* was enthusiastically received by critics and has won numerous awards, including the Berlin-Brandenburg Literature Prize and the Nicolas Born Encouragement Award. Her second novel, *Ein dunkler Moment*, was met with an equally enthusiastic response. Her radio play *Seeing Her Ghosts* (Deutschlandfunk Kultur), narrated by Sandra Hüller, was awarded the ARD Radio Play Prize. *Portrait of My Mother with Ghosts* premiered in 2025 at the Mecklenburg State Theater. Instagram: rabeaedel.



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An Algerian soldier finds himself caught in the first German poison gas attack, decides that someone has to put a stop to it, stands up, and walks away. In the Cairo of the future, a stand-up comedian watches an android laugh at her jokes. A Bohemian weaver is replaced by an automated loom, steals a hammer, and attacks the machine. What do we humans of capitalism dream of, and what do our machines — which are increasingly rising up against us— dream of? In the unique mirror world of this novel, no conflict is over, and every story is still possible. Clever and insane, funny and incisive, Jonas Lüscher is at the height of his art.

JONAS LÜSCHER, born in Switzerland in 1976, he lives in Munich as a writer. Lüscher has received numerous awards for his literary work, including the Swiss Book Prize, the Hans Fallada Prize, the Prix Franz Hessel, and the Max Frisch Prize from the City of Zurich.

Annett Gröschner
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ANNETT GRÖSCHNER, born in Magdeburg in 1964, has lived in Berlin as a writer since 1983. She has received numerous awards, most recently the Berlin Grand Art Prize (Fontane Prize), the Klopstock Prize, and the Mainz City Writer Literature Prize from ZDF, 3sat, and the state capital of Mainz.

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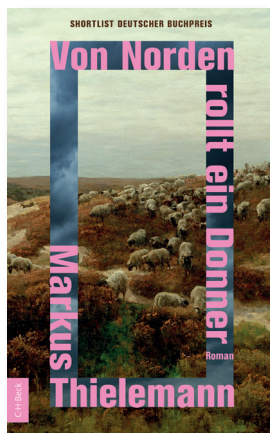


Zora del Buono *Seinetwegen*

Winner of the Swiss Book Prize

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Recent Highlights NONFICTION

Marie-Jeanine Calic
Balkan-Odyssey

2nd edition, 10.000 copies sold
Prize of the Leipzig Book Fair

'The enormous amount of research carried out by researcher Marie-Janine Calic on the fates of refugees during the Nazi years sheds a completely different light on this notorious region of the world ... The book's strength lies in its focus on vividly described, moving individual cases.' - Der Freitag, Norbert Mappes-Niediek

'Balkan Odyssey is not only a readable book, but also an important one. It broadens our perspective on the history of exile during National Socialism and shows that individual fates and historical forces were even more closely intertwined in Southeast Europe than elsewhere.' - Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Florian Keisinger

Roberto Simanowski
Language Engines

Nominated for the German Non-Fiction Prize

We currently encounter artificial intelligence primarily in the form of language processing systems — computer programs that offer to do the thinking for us. And we are only too willing to accept this offer. With expertise, wit, and philosophical depth, Roberto Simanowski shows what consequences this temptation might have. In an accessible way, he reflects on

the strengths and weaknesses of these digital smart alecks and describes the momentum of a technology that seemed desirable in science fiction, but whose prerequisites and effects we have never really thought through. He makes it clear: Artificial intelligence is not only changing the world; it is also a philosophical project that urges us to think deeply about ourselves once again. - Jury Statement

Philip Manow

Division Lines
No. 7 Non-Fiction Book of the Month (January) - ZDF, Deutschlandfunk Kultur, DIE ZEIT

Why do workers today vote for the right, while urban elites vote for the left? Political scientist Philip Manow analyzes how globalization and European integration have shifted our political landscape — and how economic interests nevertheless remain the determining factor. An illuminating analysis by a sought-after commentator on contemporary issues.

Christiane Hoffmann

The Dreams We Had
No. 1 Non-Fiction Book of the Month (August) - ZDF, Deutschlandfunk Kultur, DIE ZEIT

'An incredibly intelligent and deeply moving book ... that takes a critical look at Europe's — and especially Germany's — relationship with Russia, Ukraine, the Baltic states, and the other former Soviet republics with a sharp, analytical eye.' - Frankfurter Rundschau, Jana Fuchs

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