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## Dear Colleagues and Friends and Collectors of our Catalogues,

... it is spring yet again!

With this new catalogue – volume 12 – we'd like to introduce a variety of new authors and titles for all age groups from toddlers to young adults, from board books to fantasy fiction.

In autumn 2015 we started the series starring Alea Aquarius. Tanya Stewner now finished volume two which we strongly recommend for your reading.

Please pay special attention to our imprint Oetinger34. "Kings & Fools" – a series of 6 volumes is the perfect read for all fans of "Game of Thrones". Another piece of high class fiction is "Secrets": different aspects of close friendship and a mysterious death told in three volumes from the perspectives of three girls.

As always there is much more to discover in this catalogue. The picture book "Why is Little Sock so Sad" is a perfect gift not only for children but also for all those who mysteriously miss a matching sock after emptying the washing machine.

"Just One Day" and "Nelly and the Foggy Place" are wonderful books for young readers and also perfect to be read aloud and enjoyed together.

For all of you who know Katharina Depken: she has had a healthy baby boy, Jonathan, in August and will probably be back in the office in time for the Frankfurt Book Fair. In the meantime, Bianca Kuchenbrod will continue to take care of Katharina's territories and clients.

Have fun browsing through the pages of this catalogue and feel free to ask for reading copies and sample translations.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Bologna.

Best wishes

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Susanne Weber · Heike Vogel

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Something keeps on going “cheep, cheep, cheep”! It’s getting the little Easter bunny quite confused, and he still has all the brightly painted eggs to hide - and quickly! But the cheeping simply won’t stop. Could it be the blue tit? But no, it isn’t ... at some point the little Easter bunny makes a delightful discovery: a tiny chick has hatched in the basket of Easter eggs! And so, of course, the little Easter bunny immediately returns the tiny chick to its Mummy and Daddy in the henhouse. Now it’s time for the best Easter celebrations ever to begin.

*A charming Easter story with a sound module.*



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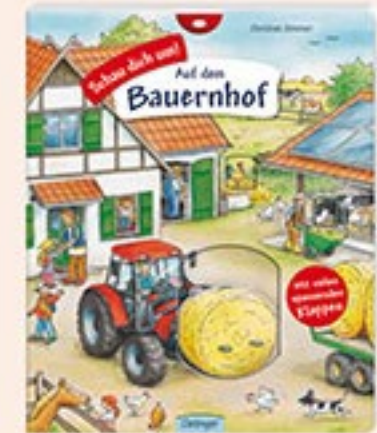
Father Rabbit calls his children in for some cake, but the seven little rascals are hiding! What fantastic fun for the little rabbits when their father sets off to seek them in the garden and finds them, one by one. But has he really found all seven of them? Father Rabbit counts: one, two, three ...



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All year round, there’s plenty to do on Farmer Bastian’s farm. All the animals need to be fed and cared for! Then there’s the work with the tractor, the harvester and all the other equipment. But there’s more to discover on the farm than making hay and harvesting corn because a farm is a great place for playing games, too!

*Slider surprises on the cover*

*Several inside flaps provide additional background information*





Miriam Cordes

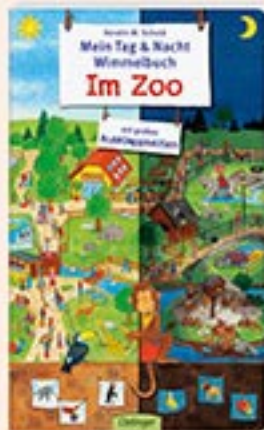
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*With large suitcase flaps and cute rhymes*

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Who can see Ingo the flamingo, Mat the cat, or Kellogg the dog? This amusing picture book has plenty of challenges for young explorers since there's always one animal that's a little bit different from the norm. We see a pug in a tutu dancing through town, a horse flying across the sky like Superman, and a jellyfish playing the trumpet. The message here is very clear: Be yourself and no one else, use your own voice, that's the only choice. You can, you may – hurray, hurray, that's what we say!

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*When animals are not quite the way you expected – a wonderfully crazy discovery book*

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*Full English translation available!*

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All the animals are asleep. Or are they? Wait, there’s someone wandering through the woods! If only Bumbly Bear could at least be quiet about it ... But no, he bumps his paw, falls down a hill and growls with fright when a pine cone falls on his head. This wakes up all the other animals. Not until the sun rises is Bumbly Bear tired enough to fall asleep – while all the other animals greet the new day.

*A clumsy little bear takes a walk at night*

*A bedtime story full of humour and charm*

# When Socks Set Out by Themselves

The Amusing and Delightful Story of the Search for a Missing Sock



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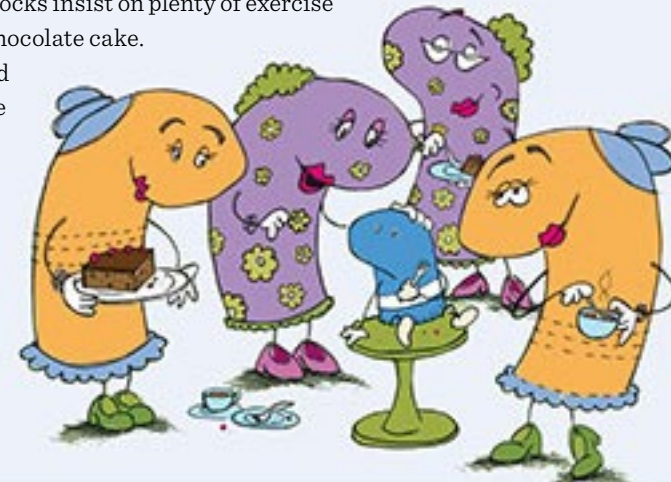


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**Why is Little Sock so Sad?**

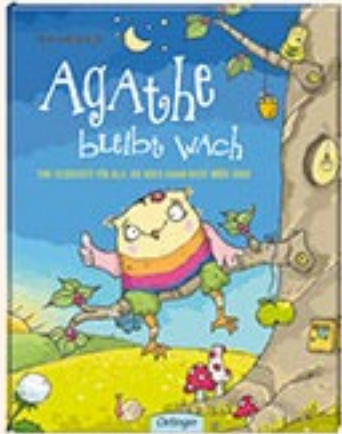
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The little sock is already feeling quite downtrodden when she wakes up, so she sets off to find something to cheer her up. The expensive branded socks suggest a gold medallion, the sporty socks insist on plenty of exercise and the fine lady socks recommend chocolate cake.

The little sock follows all of their good advice, but still feels just as miserable as before. And then the little sock sees a sock that looks just like her. “I really missed you!” she exclaims, relieved – and truly happy, at last.







Meike Haberstock

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Agatha is a little owl. Strictly speaking, Agatha is a little night owl. She sleeps by day and by night she's awake – normally. But today everything is different. Today Agatha plans to stay awake all day long, so that she can play with her friends from morn till night. But in the course of the day, Agatha becomes terribly tired and constantly has to yawn. Maybe an icy dip in the river will help? Or some coffee? Or a fright? Or jumping from a tree? Agatha's friends have plenty of ideas – including a daring rescue operation. Do their ideas work? Well, in the end it's not Agatha who falls asleep smiling peacefully.

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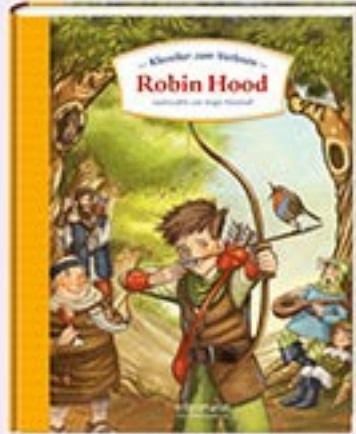
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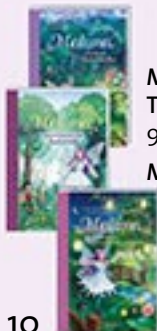
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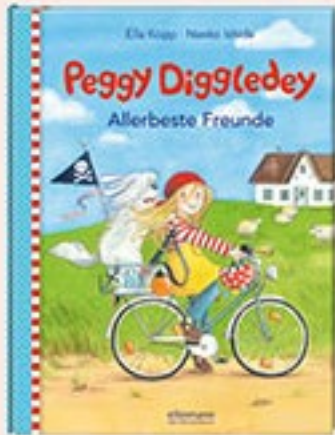


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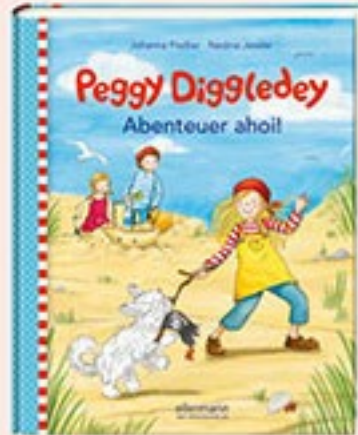


Ella Kopp · Naeko Ishida

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Peggy and Hobgoblin her dog are the best of friends and do everything together! But one morning, Peggy finds that Hobgoblin has disappeared. Peggy immediately drums up the help of her friends Lisa, Phil and Ian to find her beloved dog. Because one thing is obvious: best friends are always there for each other!



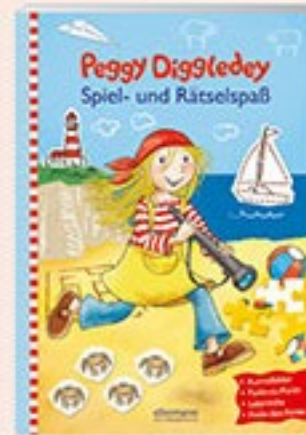
Johanna Fischer · Nadine Jessler

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Peggy Diggledey is constantly having lots of adventures with her friends Phil, Lisa, Ian and the dog, Hobgoblin. That's because there's just so much to see on their little island in the North. Whether the five friends are investigating an old shipwreck, David Donkey is ill or a dastardly biscuit thief needs to be caught, Peggy always has an idea at the ready!

*This little pirate captures  
children's hearts!*

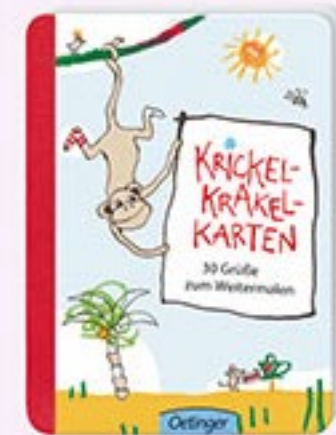


Lars Jakobsen

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Every day on his way to school, Theo has to walk past a big sausage-crazy dog. In fact, he simply can't go to school without having patted the dog and fed him the meat from his sandwiches! Then one day the big dog is not sitting behind the fence as usual and Theo immediately sets out to look for the dog, all on his own and all over the city. And sure enough, he finds the dog, but now they have to find their way back to school together. That's not so easy and Theo ends up getting lost. Can the big dog show him the way? With lots of feeling and subtle humour, Salah Naoura addresses important topics for school beginners, such as autonomy, independence and courage.



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Jacob can hardly believe his luck. A talent scout has invited him to take part in a trial training session for another club's youth team. In fact, it is the top club in the German soccer league! His friend Tom has also been invited. Both are already dreaming of a great football career. But reality soon catches up with them. The fact is that there are a lot of other strikers competing for a place at the club – and not all of them are playing fair...



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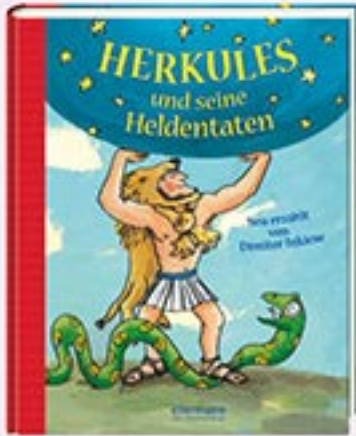
Paul Maar  
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Oh no! The wish dots on the Sat's face are disappearing! High time for Mr Pocketbeer to finish building his wish machine! He's got it hidden in Mrs Redcabbage's attic. He makes a wish for him and the Sat to be transported there as fast as possible. But they end up in the wrong attic and find themselves face to face with an angry caretaker. Luckily, the Sat and Mr Pocketbeer manage to escape by making another wish, and this time they land right beside the wish machine. At last Mr Pocketbeer can try it out. And what's the first thing he wishes for? Loads of money! It works, and the whole room is suddenly filled with coins and banknotes – but all in the wrong currency.



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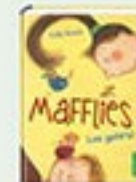
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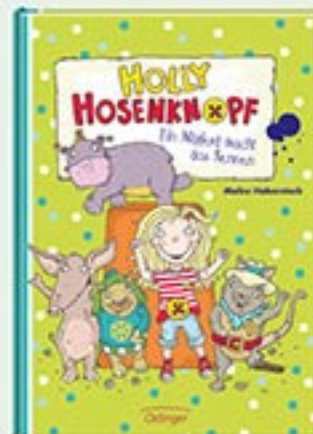
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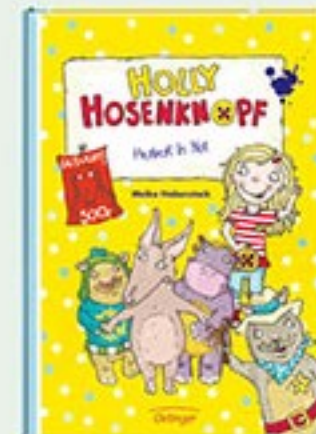
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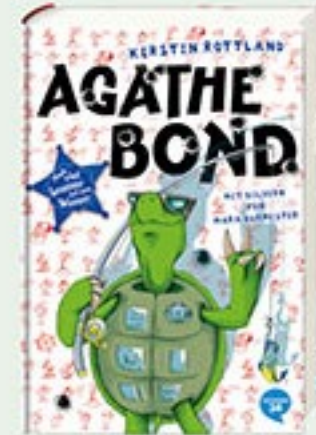
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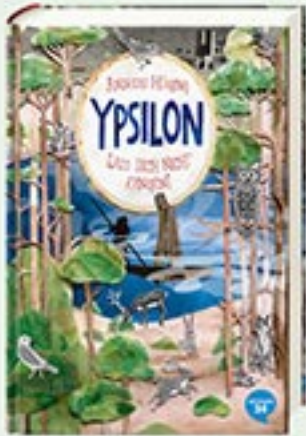
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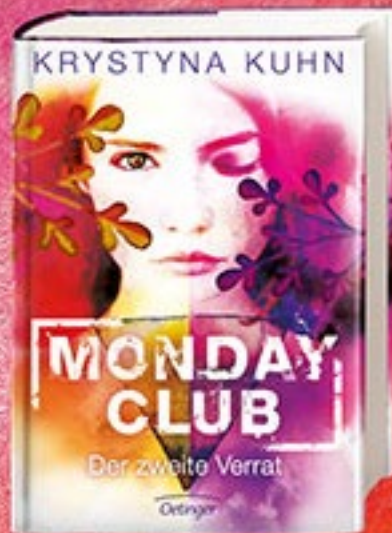
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