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### CHILDREN'S BOOKS

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### BACKLIST HIGHLIGHTS

### KLETT KINDERBUCH

### PREVIEW SPRING 2020
Meike Haas

The Extraordinary Intergalactic Zoo

With illustrations by Nikolai Renger

- Full of fantastical creatures from outer space that you will fall in love with
- A warm-hearted, beautiful friendship story, with original and funny illustrations
- For readers of Margit Auer: The School of Magical Animals

Fantastic creatures and where to find them in space and on Earth!

Nelly and her best friend Julius are eyewitnesses when an actual space rocket heads for their yard and abducts Julius’ guinea pig Bommel from the lawn. When the rocket gets tangled up in a garden swing, the two children are able to jump on board at the last second.

After a swift trip through the galaxy they find themselves in the middle of Professor Adamar Tull’s Extraordinary Intergalactic Zoo. Here, a safe home is provided for mistreated animals from every possible planet, among them the peculiar orb creatures, sofa animals or Sgraggymoks. But then somebody, who has it in for the most valuable of the zoo inhabitants, appears on the scene.

Meike Haas
The Extraordinary Intergalactic Zoo
200 pages
With 4c-illustrations by Nikolai Renger
Pub. Date: August 2019
Age 8 and up

MEIKE HAAS, born in 1970, studied German, philosophy and book and media sciences. She worked for various newspapers including Die Zeit and Süddeutsche Zeitung. She is now a full-time author.

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Bettina Obrecht

Nuri’s Big Number

160 pages
With 4c-illustrations by Gitte Spee
Pub. Date: September 2019
Age 7 and up

BETTINA OBRECHT was born in 1964 in Southern Germany. After an extended stay in Costa Rica, she studied Spanish and English at Heidelberg University. Today she works as a freelance writer and translator.

Clear the circus ring!

Who wouldn’t enjoy having a snake woman as a mother and a magician as a father? Nuri and his three siblings are just that lucky. They get to grow up in the Circus Krambambulani, always surrounded by laughter and friendly people. There is just one problem: the number of circus visitors is decreasing day by day. Nuri wants to change that. But how? He is too scared to swing from the trapeze, and stage makeup makes him break out in a rash.

When Nuri meets Marcela, who is overly confident, the two of them figure out an unusual and fantastic idea. Soon the circus is filled with children from the neighbourhood rehearsing with their pets. This will be Nuri’s big number – and a new start for the Circus Krambambulani!

• A book about a modern-day circus, combining magic and real life
• The fascinating subject of circus life enhanced with a dash of friendship and animal love

Cornelia Franz

Wenzel and the Wild Outlaws

160 pages
With 4c-illustrations by Sabine Wilharm
Pub. Date: October 2019
Age 8 and up

CORNELIA FRANZ studied German and American Studies and trained as a bookseller. She has published travel guides, short stories, an adult novel and books for children and young adults.

The best robber band in the woodland (just like Robin Hood)

One dark and stormy night, Wenzel comes to an astonishing decision. He runs away from the monastery and becomes a real outlaw. Along with his friends Ulle, Anne, Jakob, Elsbeth, and Fritsche, he sets up a band of robbers. Wild and free, just like Robin Hood – and acting with the same sense of justice. They rob from the rich and give to the poor. This is what their archenemy, Count Fuchs von Kaltenal, wants to stop at all costs. And thus, a dangerous cat-and-mouse game begins…

• A brilliant adventure for the whole family about the popular subjects of knights and outlaws
• This story will entice readers, young and old, into the exciting years of the Middle Ages

SABINE WILHARM was born in 1954 and studied at the Hamburg College of Design. She has been working as a freelance illustrator since 1976, and illustrated the German translations of the Harry Potter series.

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By the time Friedrichsen, the little bear, opens his eyes in the morning, his best friend Theo is usually already standing under his treehouse, calling: “Are you awake yet?”

No day passes in which the two of them don’t pursue an adventure together. This might be planning a picnic down on the river or simply spending a cozy rainy day inside the treehouse. Together they turn every day into an amazing experience. And whenever Theo and Friedrichsen sip cups of hot cocoa in the evening, weary but happy, they know without a doubt that they are only experiencing these adventures because they are the best friends in the world.

Honey is always a good choice!

• Brief, self-contained stories perfect for reading aloud
• For fans of Arnold Lobel’s beloved Frog and Toad

Tanja Thordsen
Marc Timmer
Theo & Friedrichsen

TANJA THORDSEN, born in 1974, works as a freelance creative in the field of visual art. She also leads team development seminars and painting workshops. She lives with her family in a small town in northern Germany.

MARC TIMMER, born in 1972, studied in Berlin, England and Belgium. He currently works as a legal and business advisor, and lives with his wife and child on the coast of the North Sea.

YAYO KAWAMURA grew up between Tokyo and Germany. For the past fifteen years, she has been doing exactly what she always wanted to do: She illustrates children’s books. She lives with her family in Berlin.

Pertti Kivinen The Blueberry Detectives series

A village somewhere in the middle of Finland, located at a lake with a small harbor and an impressive number of islands. One of these islands is home to the secret headquarters of the Blueberry Detectives. The Blueberry Detectives are the wild twin sisters Alma and Selma, their little brother Samu, Oskari from next door, and the dog Riku.

In their first case, the Blueberry Detectives end up on the trail of a sneaky sawmill owner.

Some time has passed since the Blueberry Detectives’ spectacular first case. In their latest adventure a rumor is making the rounds about an eerie elk that practically dissolves into mist as soon as you try to approach it. The ghost elk is now attracting so many curious tourists that even Hecht, the astonishingly bad, only restaurant in town, is packed at lunchtime. Of course, our detectives are soon busy with their own investigation, and without any supernatural hocus pocus, they find themselves on the verge of solving their second case.

• For fans of the Karlsson, Bullerby, and Famous Five series
• Pertti Kivinen is the pseudonym of the internationally renowned author Friedbert Stohner
• Soon to come: a third adventure of dtv’s Fab 5!
There is a thief at Penny's school. Lunch money and phones keep disappearing. Even Ida's new phone falls victim to the thief when she leaves it in the changing room during PE class. The list of potential suspects is actually quite small: Penny's brother Tim, who twisted his ankle and had to limp back to the changing room; prissy Ivy from the neighboring class; and the Blutbach daughter.

Penny and her detectives are on the case, but all the suspects seem to be innocent. So what should they do now?
Antje Szillat
Henning
An Elk’s Journey to Happiness

104 pages
With 4c-illustrations by Jan Birck
Pub. Date: October 2019
Age 8 and up

A lovesick elk on a road trip

Young Henning, an elk with a TV career, leads what many would consider a wonderful life in a German zoo. He is petted and groomed every day, and has even become a TV star. If only it weren’t for the lovely Finja back in his distant homeland, Sweden! When Henning happens to hear something about her one day, he suddenly realizes that he must get back home – to where his heart is. And right away, too!

In the middle of a day of filming, he rushes away from the set. But it is a long way, even too long for a lovesick elk. And thus, Henning decides he needs to hitch a ride up north. To do this, he lends an open ear to everyone he encounters. And as it turns out, an attentive elk can change his own life after all – even, if he can’t say anything!

- An elk with cult potential - the perfect gift for readers young and old
- By the successful author & illustrator duo behind Fletcher

Ulrike Rylance
Nicky’s Secret Notes:
Cake and Chaos

160 pages
With 4c-illustrations by Silke Schmidt
Pub. Date: August 2019
Age 10 and up

Bad hair days with happy endings: completely normal teen insanity

Nicky’s notebook holds everything from her chaotic teen life: baking recipes that she will eventually publish on her personal vlog (while also trying to win the heart of Irish exchange student Liam with her baked goods), comments from her best friend Becky, the current status of the bad hair day scale, pasted concert tickets, and all sorts of lists with which Nicky is trying to bring order to her hectic life.

- For everyone who has grown out of Penny Pepper
- With recipes and other creative ideas
- Funny, fizzy, with lots of scribbly hand-lettered illustrations

Jan Birck
spent many years freelancing for various advertising agencies. Later, he took the world of animation by storm and went on to carve a niche for himself in the realm of children’s and young adults’ literature. The winner of the Troisdorf Picture Book Award, Jan Birck lives in Munich with his wife and four children.

Silke Schmidt
was born in 1973. She studied literature in Mainz and Edinburgh and fine arts at the Academy of Arts in Berlin. Since then she has been working as an artist and illustrator for various magazines, publishers and companies. She lives near Berlin with her family.

Antje Szillat
is a full time author who has written numerous books for children, teenagers and young readers. Her children’s book series Rick and Fletcher were a huge success. Szillat lives near Hanover with her husband and four children.

Ulrike Rylance
was born in 1968 and studied English and German literature in Leipzig and London. She was an assistant teacher in Wales and Manchester, and also taught German to children and adults in London. In 2001 she moved to Seattle, USA, with her husband and two daughters.

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Who is faster – the Atlantic sailfish or a windsurfer? Which animals can hear with their feet? And which species is the noisiest?
The animal world produces unbelievable records and amazing facts. Here they are explained in an amusing manner and presented visually – sometimes in quiz format, as hidden pictures, or as instructions for personal experimentation.

• Flip open, have fun, participate, and be amazed
• Facts and information playfully presented and humorously illustrated
• With astonishing facts, records, cross references - also suitable for reluctant readers

Long-Distance Spies, Speed Spitters, and Disappearing Acts

Birgit Niehaus
Being First
Records from the Animal World

144 pages
With 4c-illustrations by Nicole El Salamoni
Pub. Date: July 2019
Age 9 and up

Frank Schwieger
History & Mythology series

I, Zeus, and the Olympic Gang
Gods and heroes from Greek Mythology

256 pages
Pub. Date: April 2017

I, Caesar, and the Roman Gang
Live from Ancient Rome

208 pages
Pub. Date: March 2018

I, Odin, and the Wild Vikings
Gods and heroes tell Nordic legends

240 pages
Pub. Date: March 2019

NICOLE EL SALAMONI
studied communication design and was the co-founder of an advertising agency. After spending several years in South Africa, she decided to dedicate herself completely to her passion and to make illustration her full-time career.

BIRGIT NIEHAUS was born in the upper reaches of northern Germany and studied Romance and Hispanic studies, and language teaching in Hamburg and Bordeaux. For many years, she was employed in publishing PR work. Today she lives with her family in Berlin, where she works as an author, translator and editor.

RAMONA WULTSCHNER was born in Heilbronn in 1987. She studied design in Pforzheim and works on animated cartoon productions, children’s books and game development.

FRANK SCHWIEGER was born in 1968 and grew up in Holstein, in the northernmost region of Germany. He studied Latin and history, and has been working as a grammar school teacher since 1999.
Franziska Biermann   Jacky Marrone series

c. 120 pages / each title
With 4c-illustrations by the author
Age 6 and up

Jacky Marrone
In Search of Golden Claw (vol. I)
Pub. Date: August 2018

Jacky Marrone is a streetwise fox and private detective with an extraordinary knack for tricky cases. His first case unfolds at breakneck speed: the disappearance of a hen that can lay golden eggs. During his investigation, Jacky Marrone stumbles across not only a hard-boiled super villain, but also across enthusiast inventor Alice, whose sensational shrinking liquid plays a pivotal role in the solving of this case.

Rights sold:
Korea, Spain (cast.), Turkey

Swift Sydney Snout
It all begins with a raffle. Little Zupp wins the first prize – a piglet. When they move to a house next to a football field, Daddy becomes groundsman and the pig named Sydney Snout a successful mascot until the referee shows him the red card and bans him from the pitch.

But then, on a sunny Sunday, he wins not only a mountain of sausages but also the heart of a very fast pig lady....

Rights sold: Korea, PR China, Spain (cast., gal.)

The Travelling Mouse
While searching for crumbs in the Munich train station, a little mouse named Steven slips into a train car. This is the start of an exciting adventure that takes him much farther than just Switzerland, a cheese lover's paradise, and Paris, the world's baguette capital. Onboard a circus-train Steven makes it to England, too. But even those most fond of travelling eventually grow homesick. Which is why Steven embarks on the adventurous way back home.

Rights sold: English language (UK & Commonwealth), Russia, Turkey

The Blackbird Pirate
“I’m not a crow, and I’m no rook either. I’m a mynah bird and my name is Padde.” He’s witty and clever; he can roar like a tiger and swear like a sailor. The wily bird has travelled all the way from the Indian jungle to Hamburg. In Schulte’s pet shop, a little girl names him the Blackbird Pirate because of the yellow stripe on his head—but he’s not allowed to keep him and he scares off any lady who might want to buy him with his obscene language and offensive behaviour.

Rights sold: PR China

Uwe Timm   Children’s Classics with illustrations by Axel Scheffler

Uwe Timm was born in Hamburg in 1940. After apprenticesing as a furrier and completing an academic degree in philosophy in Munich and Paris, Timm published his first poems in 1971. Since that time, he has become one of Germany’s most successful contemporary authors, and has been awarded the German Children’s Literature Award.

Axel Scheffler is one of the world’s most successful children’s book illustrators. He was born in Hamburg in 1957, and has worked as a freelance illustrator in London since completing his studies at the Bath Academy of Art. His books’ unmistakable, humorous drawings are loved around the world. With The Gruffalo, published with author Julia Donaldson, he created a work now acknowledged as a modern children’s classic. Axel Scheffler lives with his family in London.

Who is behind the Black Phantom that is causing mischief in the city and sending threats to the three little pigs? It would be laughable if Jacky Marrone, streetwise fox and private detective, couldn’t track down the culprit. After all, he is well-equipped to do so: with super hearing skills, a can of spray rope, a vial of shrinking drops, and his new, sensational electrified handcuffs.

• Vol. 1 nominated for the German Children’s Literature Award
• Fast-paced and humorous children’s mystery with marvelous illustrations
• For fans of Joey Fly, Private Eye by Aaron Reynolds
Quick! series

Quick! Save the Mammoth! (vol. I)
One day ten-year-old Henry stumbles across a mound of leaves in the forest — concealed underneath it is a primordial creature — a shaggy little beast from a time long gone; a frozen dwarf-mammoth! Henry and his best friends Finn and Zoe decide to hide it. It’s just as well that Henry’s overprotective parents are away for a few days and his indulgent grandma Scarlett is the only adult around — of course before long Norbert the Mammoth is causing all sorts of chaos and commotion.

Quick! Wake Up the Sloth! (vol. II)
Finn, Zoe and Henry are more than a little astonished when one day a sloth swings into the kitchen. Stanley’s charm doesn’t just stem from his friendly, laid-back demeanor; he is a cunning soccer player (in slow motion, of course), is capable of repeating single words, and seems to possess a built-in lie detector. He very quickly becomes part of the family, as well as the best friend of dwarf mammoth Norbert, who recently started living with Henry’s family.

Quick! Steal the Llama! (vol. III)
How exciting! Zoe and her two best chums, Finn and Henry, have been invited to help out with the production of a children’s film — along with Norbert the mammoth and Stanley the sloth. The sweetest llama baby in the world appears on the film set, but nobody wants the little creature! They just want to ship it off to the zoo. Zoe must intervene! With the little shaggy little beast from a time long gone; a frozen dwarf-mammoth Norbert, who recently started living with Henry’s family.

PRESS ACCLAIMS:
“‘In Quick! Save the Mammoth, Knut Krüger spins a loveable story full of crazy twists. Entertaining, funny, and fairly quirky.” Frankfurter Neue Presse
“A lovely book for elementary students to read to themselves or to read aloud.” Oberhessische Zeitung
“A sweet, funny, and totally imaginative story” Recklinghäuser Zeitung

Rights sold: Poland

40,000 copies sold

224 pages
Pub. Date: February 2017
Age 8 and up

Quick! series

R. T. ACRON

Ocean City Trilogy

Ocean City floats out on the open sea, a modern, ecologically optimized city at the turn of the 22nd century — and whoever controls the time administration system is in power. A thrilling action series for middle-grade readers.

Until the Very Last Second (vol. I)
In Ocean City everyone’s needs are taken care of at the highest level possible — assuming that each person works their average twelve-hour day. The common currency is not money, but free time. Misconduct results in significant time reductions. Hardly anyone revolts against the system... until Jackson and Crockie discover that they can use an astonishingly simple trick to crack and manipulate the time administration system.

In the Rebel Stronghold (vol. II)
Everyone in Ocean City is hunting for Jackson and Crockie! However, as the floating metropolis draws close to the mainland, the friends are able to slip away and make it ashore. This is where they need to hunt for the banished rebel leader, since an organized resistance will be practically impossible without his help. However, the mainland has its own rules and regulations — and Ocean City’s long arm reaches farther than expected.

Hour of Truth (vol. III)
Jackson and Crockie are back in Ocean City, where they get basted sooner than they’d expected, and they land in jail in the power center underneath the city. Here, the insidious game Clark Kellington has been playing with them all along is revealed. He is constantly pulling the strings, watching from a safe distance how the boys behave. The better of the two will become his successor as the leader of Ocean City — the other will be banished.

32,000 copies sold

Rights sold: Poland

In the Rebel Stronghold (vol. II)

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In the Rebel Stronghold (vol. II)
As the class animal of the first grade, life is never boring for stuffed penguin Mio. Now he is being allowed to spend a night with each of the children in his class!

The experiences are different everywhere he goes. At Hugo’s house, Mio is allowed to watch films all night. Marlon already knows how to fix his own supper. But at the apartment where funny Mayla lives, where there’s lots of hustle and bustle, Mio ends up stuck in her satchel.

Fourteen children, fourteen different worlds. Mio experiences fun-filled evenings, but also witnesses other kinds of interactions. An intriguing tale which will leave you lots to talk about.

- The diverse lives of those around us presented in pictures packed with intimate family portraits
- Marvelous illustrations with charming perspectives

Every Child in Their Own World

Tanja Székessy
Mio Was Here!

Tanja Székessy, born in 1969, studied at the Berlin Academy of Arts. She is a designer and illustrator for various periodicals, including Das Magazin. The critics responded enthusiastically to her children’s book 3 Children and One Day.
### Horst Klein

**Monika Osberghaus**

**Everyone’s Disabled**

- A vibrant resource on the topic of inclusion
- Humorous, wild, and full of affection
- Created in collaboration with numerous special children and their parents
- For curious children and readers of *Tell Me*

**Birte Müller**

**Willi’s World**

- This picture book is bristling with energy – just like Willi! Willi’s world is a strange and alien place, a planet that’s very different from our own. He shows us what really matters to him, the things he loves and the things he really doesn’t like one bit! It’s quite clear that his is a colourful, wild and exuberant life!
- Unrestrained, up-front and loveable: with a combination of clear language and vivid imagery, Birte Müller shows us how her son Willi manages to conquer his disabilities.

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**Horst Klein**

- Born in 1965, spent his formative years in East Friesland before moving to Krefeld in 1989 to pursue his studies in visual communication. Before he could do that though, he had to look up Krefeld in an atlas. He still lives there today with his wife and two children, where he works as an illustrator and a graphic designer.

**Monika Osberghaus**

- Born in 1962, worked for years as a bookseller and journalist. Since 2009, she has been the publisher at the small independent press, Klett Kinderbuch Verlag. Along with her husband Thomas Engelhardt, she has written books about the Wild Dwarves and the Wild School Dwarves, as well as the title *In Prison*. She lives in Leipzig.

**Birte Müller**

- Born in 1973. She studied creative arts and book illustration in Mexico and Hamburg, and has been giving readings and running children’s workshops since she graduated. Her picture books have been translated into fourteen languages to date. Birte Müller lives in Hamburg with her husband, her son Willi and daughter Olivia.

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**Rights sold:** PR China, Russia, Spain (cast., cat.), Turkey
Antje Szillat
Holly Himmelblau
Unmagical Friend Wanted

Holly lives in Castle Hinkelzuberge in the magical Dark Forest. Bored by the countless enchanted princesses, sensitive fairies, vain unicorns, outrageous witches, sorcerers, soothsayers and Co., the witch girl yearns for an absolutely unmagical, unwitchy normal best friend.

Isa suddenly appears at the castle, having lost her way back home to the village of the Normalos. She catches sight of a unicorn and grows panic-stricken. Wow, there she is! At that moment, Holly knows this is her future best friend. The two of them become friends, but the girls have a hard time hiding the fact that Isa is from the human world and does not possess any magical abilities. Nonetheless, they stick together.

Cally Stronk
Ruby Black – Mysteriously Embarrassing

Ruby wants only two things: to be normal and inconspicuous, and to find friends. This isn’t all that easy considering her eccentric family and their home on the edge of a cemetery, which happens to be where her entire family works. Oma Ottilie gives yoga courses for reconciliation with the dead, Ruby’s father designs caskets, and her mother bakes totally insane death-themed confections for the cemetery cafe.

Despite all this, Ruby’s chances have never been better than they are now. She has changed schools, and nobody at her new school knows about her crazy family. And everything goes well at the beginning. Ruby makes friends with Milli and Lilli, but they are more than nice. They are always sniffing out secrets and good stories for their school blog. Of course, Ruby makes a good target...