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Juli Zeh
Socks and Sophie
- How to Speak “Horse”
With 4c-illustrations by Flix

240 pages
Pub. Date: February 2021
Age 10 and up

- Juli Zeh skillfully weaves information about horse communication into an exciting story
- Entertaining and enlightening, thanks to the special narrative perspectives of both the human AND the horse
- Includes funny and informative colour illustrations by Flix
- Books by bestselling author Juli Zeh have been translated into 35 languages
Socks, the pony was abused and has lost all faith in humans ever since. Sophie, however, is overjoyed when she is allowed to take Socks into her care. But her dream is quickly broken. Sophie is soon forced to admit that she and Socks simply can’t live in harmony. The ongoing misunderstandings between the pony and the girl lead to a number of dangerous situations. And then, when she thought things couldn’t get any worse, something tragic looms on the horizon – if Socks won’t let himself be ridden soon, he will be put to sleep by people who dismiss him as a “problem horse”. Sophie has to learn how to speak horse - and fast!
Jan Strathmann
Milla and the Rhino Bus

144 pages
with 4c-illustrations by Sabine Wilharm
Pub. Date: March 2021
Age 6 and up

Funny things keep happening, and Milla is sure that life is wonderful...

Some people claim that Milla tells tall tales, but Mama says that Milla is simply imaginative. And yet nobody ever believes the funny things that keep happening to her.

A rhino takes her to school in the morning when she misses her bus. While playing in the schoolyard with the Trumpeter bird, Milla makes so much noise that she disturbs Caretaker Bromski. She spends the night howling at the moon with a coyote. Milla also teaches her neighbor, a bear, to read. When he hibernates, she stretches out on his plump tummy and burrows into his fur. With Kusi, the whirlwind, she flies up to a church spire! Sometimes Milla lands herself in trouble during her adventures, but she always makes new friends along the way.

• One 8-year-old’s charming and wondrously fantastical adventures
• For reading out loud or to yourself

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 covers of the Harry Potter series.
Markus Grolik
Gizmo - Even Dragons Need Friends

A different take on dragons and knights

A dragon that doesn’t want to dine on knights – that’s unheard of! Gizmo’s parents are more than a little disappointed in their kid. Not far from Gizmo, young knight Adrian and Princess Priscilla also fail to meet their parents’ expectations. It won’t come as a surprise, then, that their first encounter in the woods doesn’t lead to a fearsome battle, but instead to a close friendship. When Gizmo’s parents suddenly disappear, this friendship is put to the test: it is Priscilla’s parents who seem to be behind the abduction. Now Gizmo, Adrian and Priscilla have to show what they can really accomplish as a team!

- A magical universe full of knights, dragons, princesses, and unicorns - modern and humorous
- A dragon-filled adventure WITHOUT the usual archetypes
Ulrike Rylance

Penny Pepper -
Wedding Cakes and Scoundrels (vol. IX)

Penny and her detective friends are excited. Their beloved teacher, Ms. Weinerlein, is finally marrying the school caretaker, Mr. Örtel. Penny, Ida, Marie, and Flora aren't only participating as flower girls, but they are also helping to bake and decorate the cake under the watchful eye of the famous Parisian chef, Pierre Chocolat. The cake turns into a bombastic, multi-tiered artwork: the perfect surprise. Everything seems to be in order for the big day until the wedding cake disappears...

Penny Pepper - series: Over 185,000 copies sold
9 titles in the series, c. 150 pages / each title

All Under Control (vol. I)

Penny would never have dreamt she'd get involved in her first big case at Flora's birthday party. Because suddenly Flora's birthday present—Dschastin, the cutest dog ever—disappears without trace. And who does Flora accuse of kidnapping him? Penny, of course!
Barbara Rose

Blacktooth Ghost Academy
- Teachers with an Edge

Freddy can hardly believe his good luck. He has been offered a scholarship for Blacktooth Academy! There's just one thing that he still doesn't know: only magical creatures of all kinds - vampires, poltergeists, werewolves and many more - are admitted there. At Blacktooth, they are taught how to seriously frighten humans. As the school has been facing a decline in enrolment, the school director, Count Blacktooth, has reluctantly agreed to admit human children.

Unfortunately for Freddy, not everyone is happy about this change - someone wants to get rid of Freddy. No matter the cost!

176 pages
Pub. Date: February 2021
Age 8 and up

Uproar at Blacktooth Ghost Academy

Meike Haas

Fairy Dust in the Classroom

A fairy as a teacher - simply enchanting!

Miss Fae is a fairy who can grant all the wishes your heart desires – but one day, when she refuses to fulfil a really mean wish, she gets banished to the human world. She is now trying her luck as an elementary school teacher. What great fun for Lilly and her friends! After all, who else has a teacher who can make the flowers in her classroom sing? There is just one problem. Having only just joined the human world, Miss Fae doesn't know how to act like a teacher. Lilly and her friends decide to teach her what she needs to know. But neither the head teacher nor any of the other adults can be allowed to learn that Miss Fae is actually a fairy...

176 pages
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BARBARA ROSE, spent many years working as a journalist, developing stories for television and moderating radio programs. Today, she primarily writes books for children and teens. She lives with her family in Stuttgart.

MEIKE HAAS, born in 1970, studied German, philosophy and book and media sciences. She worked for various newspapers including Die Zeit and the Süddeutsche Zeitung. She is now a full-time author.
You're a superhero! Even if you might not know it yet. This book will help you discover your superpowers, secret strengths and hidden talents. A superhero training course with lots of tips, tests and inspiration, as well as a wide range of suggestions how you can change the world, for example supporting your neighbourhood or fighting against climate change, too! We can all become real superheroes!

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- A wonderful companion for a critical transition phase
- Includes practical tips, inspiration, psychological tests and space for personal entries
- Activity book for girls

Nataša Kaiser and Corinna Wieja
The Superhero in You: Discovering Your Super Powers

NATAŠA KAISER is an illustrator and graphic designer. She completed a course of study as a guest student at the Academy of Art in San Francisco and now lives with her family in Frankfurt.

CORINNA WIEJA enjoys writing feel-good stories and knows that we all have a strength within us, that can turn us into superheroes. Even during her spare time, it is unusual for her to be seen without a book in hand. She lives close to Frankfurt with her family and two cats.
Eleven-year-old Lia didn’t know that elves actually existed. But now, as the result of a failed magical spell, she is stuck in the body of the air princess Asalia and is forced to search for the location of Spring Water, the famous elf boarding school. Lia’s initial aversion to this idea is quickly forgotten, because Spring Water isn’t only a magical school. It offers all kinds of adventures, such as a flight through the diamond labyrinth or confronting bullies from the position of a genuine princess. However, more than anything else, Lia has to hide her secret about who she actually is, because it has been ages since humans were allowed to even enter Spring Water!

**The Power of Crystals (vol. I)**

Lia is enjoying her new life as an air princess at Springwater, the magical elven boarding school. She is learning lots about elf magic and is starting to feel comfortable with all her new elf friends. So, when she finds out that her school is threatened by magical floods, she is all the more horrified, especially considering that her new friend Serafina - the only sea elf at Springwater – is being blamed for it. In order to find out who is truly behind the floods, Lia concocts a plan, and along with her best friends, she sets out on a perilous search for the truth...

**The Secret of the Sea Elf (vol. II)**

* A new tale from the magical elven school
* She suddenly switches into an elf – Lia Stormgold conquers the hearts of her readers
* For readers of Tanja Stewner and Jessica Townsend

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Russia
Caroline Brinkmann
The Clans of Tokito - Lotus and Tiger

Tokito – City of Blood and Shadows

In the metropolis of Tokito, the law of the clans reigns supreme. The only people who have a chance to survive are those who work for one of the six clan overlords. Rebellious Erin loses her job with the Lotus clan and is now defenseless. When she is kidnapped off the street, she makes a deal with a demon in order to save her life. The demon grants her supernatural strength, but, at the same time, he attempts to gain control over Erin. When a series of murders shakes Tokito and Erin’s best friend Ryanne disappears, Erin does everything in her powers to track down the murderer. Is the person Erin is hunting down just a madman acting alone? Or is she on the trail of a treacherous conspiracy? And what part does the demon play in all this?

Viviana Iparraguirre de las Casas
A Prince of Silver and Gold

She danced into his cold heart, and he robbed her of her freedom...

In honor of its new king, Copper City is hosting an extravagant festival, and Sofija Rea Linn enchants the king’s young heir with her breath-taking tambourine dancing. He wants her to dance for him alone. So he abducts her, imprisoning her in his castle. In captivity, Sofija doesn’t fall in love with him as he had planned, but instead, to everyone’s surprise, with his brother! This is high treason! No one can escape the king’s wrath. He punishes his brother by robbing him of his kindness. Only Sofija can save her sweetheart from the king’s clutches, even if that means putting her own life at risk.
Is one day enough to fall in love? When Hope meets Cooper, she is angry. Angry at her mother, who has had an affair. Angry at this world that has taken someone she loved away from her. But, in his own extraordinary way, Cooper succeeds in helping Hope to forget her worries for at least a few hours. Cooper also enjoys their time together, and by the end of the day, he wants to see Hope again. After all he has been through, the hours with her were some of the happiest he has experienced for a long time. But then Cooper finds out that Hope’s mother has chosen his stepfather, of all people, to run off with. He keeps this to himself, knowing full well that this secret could destroy his relationship with Hope...

- With her sympathetic characters, fresh voice and a dash of emotional depth, Leonie Lastella conquers the hearts of her readers
- For readers of Mona Kasten and Colleen Hoover

LEONIE LASTELLA was born in Lübeck, and now lives with her family in a small village northwest of Hamburg. Since 2017, she has dedicated herself exclusively to writing. Among other awards, she was honored by DELIA (the society for German-language romance authors) for her books.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

The Light of a Thousand Stars

Rights sold: Russia

384 Pages
Pub. Date: March 2020

If love Had a Colour

336 pages
Pub. Date: September 2020
If you open any ordinary history of philosophy, you will most definitely be left with the impression that thinking is a privilege offered only to men. You’d have a really hard time finding any traces of female philosophers. But they did exist, and not just in the past few years when women have been recognised academically – in fact, they’ve existed since antiquity. And a few have even been teaching at universities, too.

Ingeborg Gleichauf introduces us to 45 female thinkers. Starting with the Pythagorean Theano of Croton (ca. 550 B.C.) and finishing with the ethics specialist Martha Craven Nussbaum (born in 1947), she focuses on their ideas and the school of thought with which they are associated. A compact history of philosophy emerges, showing that women have always philosophised. They just weren’t always allowed to do so publicly.

Michael Wolffsohn

We Were Lucky - Despite Everything: A German-Jewish Family History

To Tel Aviv and back: the story of an emigration

Thea Saalheimer was nineteen in 1939 when she fled from the Nazi horrors of Germany and ended up in Tel Aviv. There, she fell in love with Max Wolffsohn and, fifteen years later, the two of them returned to Germany together with their seven-year-old son, Michael, who has since grown up to be a historian and expert on the Middle East. What did Thea and her family experience during the Nazi period? And what happened during their emigration to a country foreign to them in every way imaginable? Why did they eventually move back to the country of their persecutors?
Frank Schwieger History & Mythology series

c. 250 pages / each title
With b/w-illustrations by Ramona Wultschner
Age 10 and up

I, Zeus, and the Olympic Gang

Twenty-four episodes from the lives of the greatest Greek heroes and heroines, gods and goddesses—straight from the Trojan Horse’s mouth! Each story is complemented by a wittily illustrated profile of the starring character, detailing their family connections, their likes and dislikes and distinguishing features.

I, Caesar, and the Roman Gang

In this book, Romulus, Caesar, Nero and their many friends and foes are finally able to speak for themselves. Live and unvarnished, they provide their own versions of history. Readers will learn why two best friends had to battle each other in a gladiatorial fight, why Cleopatra allowed herself to be wrapped in a rug, and why people should avoid eating geese.

I, Odin, and the Wild Vikings

The Nordic myths have been retold with great frequency, but never before by the gods and heroes themselves! Readers will experience first-hand how Odin lost his left eye and how Thor stole back his hammer from the thieving giant Thrym. Besides that, you will receive useful tips on the raising of dragons and how to pursue adventures on the high seas...

I, Merlin, and the Fearless Knights

What were the Middle Ages really like? Were they as adventurous and colorful as we imagine them to be? Wise Merlin provides the answers to the questions we have long been asking: How did young Arthur of all people manage to pull the famous sword Excalibur out of the stone? Why did brave Siegfried bathe in dragon’s blood? What was a knights’ tournament like?

I, Cleopatra, and the Ancient Egyptians

The ancient Egyptians have fascinated children and adults for ages, but very few people actually know the whole story! Fortunately for us, Cleopatra is here to round up the most famous gods and pharaohs, as well as the bravest of human children, to help us out of the sarcophagus of ignorance. Now we can finally get the answers to the most exciting questions: How were the pyramids built? Were there really booby traps that protected the buried treasure from tomb robbers? What are hieroglyphics?
He has roared his last roar

Helene's father doesn't just speak like everyone else: everything he says comes out of him as a loud shout. Her father is rowdy just like his parents and his grandfather before him. "You'll also become rowdy someday!" Helene's mother says. But Helene doesn't want this. "Count me out!" she declares before packing her suitcase and leaving her family. Finally, some peace and quiet. But is she gone for good?

This powerful picture book is for children like Helene, who go their own way and refuse to put up with things they don't like and, even if this sometimes comes as a shock to their parents. A book to help children feel brave and to encourage them to set boundaries.

First published in 2010 as "Der Krachmacher" bei Beltz

• This book helps children to stand up for themselves
• Masterfully written and illustrated by the successful duo, Moni Port and Philip Waechter

MONI PORT born in 1968, trained as a bookseller and went on to study communication design in Mainz. She is now an illustrator and book cover designer and lives with her family in Frankfurt.

PHILIP WAECHTER born in 1968, studied communication design with a focus on illustration in Mainz. He works as a freelance graphic designer and author in Frankfurt.
Birte Müller
That’s Sick!
Nasty Diseases –
Past and Present

12-meter-long tape worms

How do tapeworms even get into our intestines? This book will tell you. It will introduce you to the nastiest and creepiest diseases of all time which left people with nothing more than prayers to cure them. Why did sailors suddenly start loving sauerkraut, and why were beer-drinking workers better off during times of cholera than everyone else in the city? Birte Müller’s writing is so candid and engaging that you’ll find yourself reading her book feverishly. You might even get goosebumps from shivering. Or a stomach ache from laughing. And if you dare to think “that was just all in the past!” you’d be mistaken. COVID-19 may even make an appearance...

Yannick de la Pêche’s wonderful pictures provide just the right dose of morbid charm and wit. From the drama of the plague to athlete’s foot – nothing is off limits in this book!

• You will laugh uncontrollably, learn things and feel disgusted - all at the same time!
• A very different health book for kids
• Birte Müller’s previous books have been translated into 14 languages
Katharina von der Gathen

AnyBody -
Thick & thin, skin & hair:
The big ABC-Book for our Body

My body, my friend:
an encyclopaedia to amaze you, make you laugh, think, and feel good.

Sometimes you might feel uncomfortable in your own skin, sometimes you might feel invincible. Katharina von der Gathen knows what interests and worries children about their own bodies. Her many years of experience are the basis for this new, unbiased and witty encyclopaedia, which also takes into gentle consideration the feelings of ambivalence that often exist. Anke Kuhl’s charts, hidden pictures and cartoons are funny – sometimes even sad – in a relatable way. The result is a wonderfully encouraging book for both reading and reference, aimed at all children who want to feel at home in their own bodies.

- From the successful duo behind Tell me and The Love Lifes of Animals
- For everyone who has a body, completely gender neutral
- Funny, important and honest
- Previous books by the author have been translated into 23 languages

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

Tell me
208 Pages
Pub. Date: 2014

Tell me Some More Facts of Life
216 Pages
Pub. Date: 2018

The Love Lifes of Animals
144 pages
Pub. Date: 2017
Alex Rühle

Zippel, the Little Keyhole Ghost Takes a Wrong Turn

Ever since Zippel, the real-life keyhole ghost, moved into Paul’s bedroom, every day has been a barrel of laughs. This time, Zippel has decided that he would like to celebrate his birthday for the first time – that’s when you get presents, after all! He chooses the 51st of Kalember as his new birthday, which just happens to be the very next day. The little ghost’s biggest birthday wish is to ride on the ghost train…

But soon disaster strikes: Zippel suddenly disappears into the darkness of the ghost train, nowhere to be found. It must be the fault of one of those pesky “addaults”! Paul has to do everything he can to save his beloved Zippel, with this mission leading to a tremendous adventure.

Knut Krüger

Dwarf Mammoths Aren’t Presents

Norbert, the cutest dwarf mammoth there ever was, decides to go off in search of his roots. Together with his friend Henry and Henry’s cool grandma, Norbert flies to Crete – only to find out that his arrival has actually been long-awaited! The retired king of Greece has a soft spot for the rare dwarf mammoths and decides that Norbert would be a perfect gift from his visitors.

So Norbert and Henry need to work together carefully in order to make their escape from the palace. And when they discover traces among the Cretan ruins and beautiful lemon trees that suggest that Norbert might not be the last living dwarf mammoth, things get even more confusing… Does Norbert get to meet his herd, or will he be alone forever?

The sequel to “Quick! Save the Mammoth"