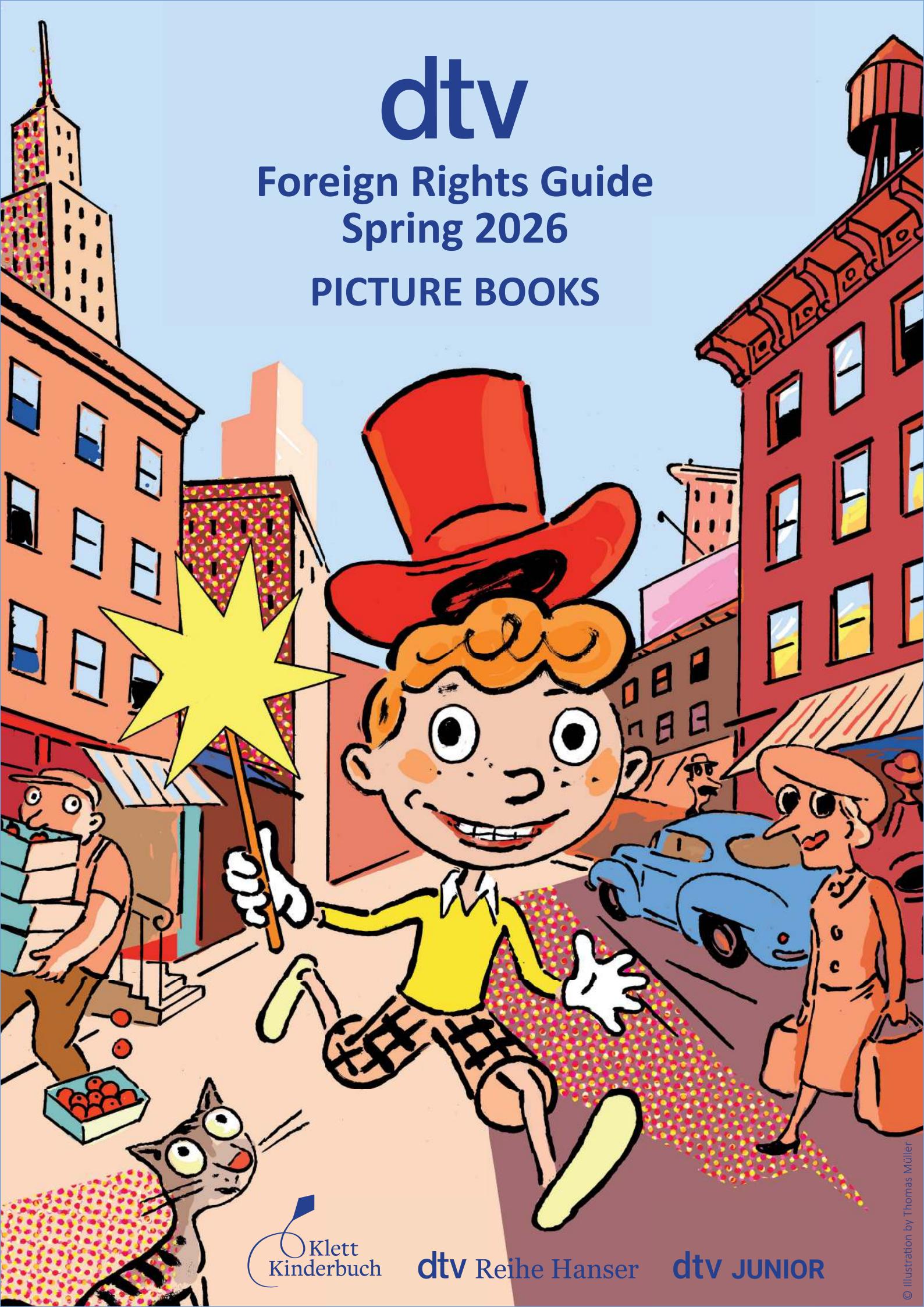


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# Antje Damm: That Seat Is Taken!

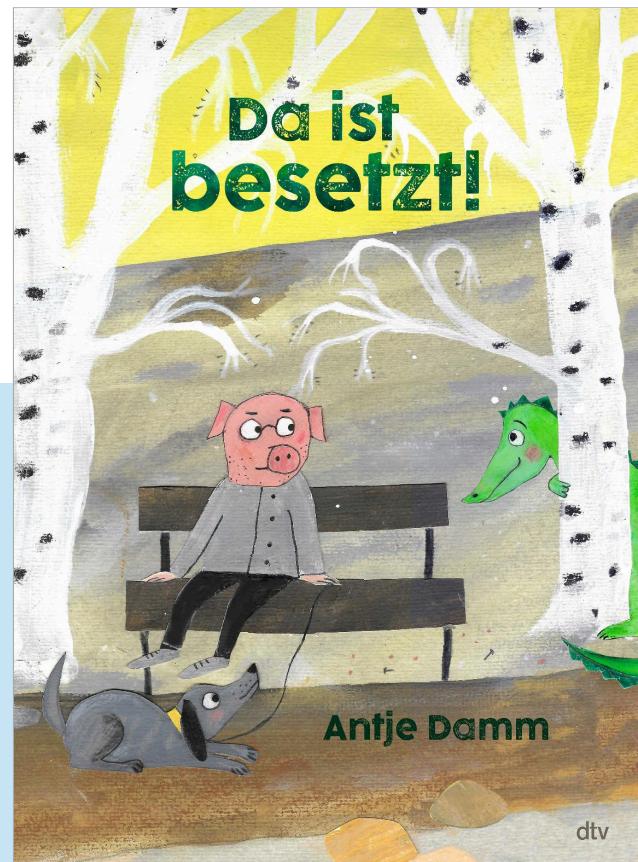


Grumpy meets sunshine – this story reminds children and parents alike that long-forgotten wishes can come true

Written and illustrated by the renowned picture book artist Antje Damm, whose books have been translated into over 15 languages

**Everyone has dreams – they might just be hiding somewhere**

‘Good morning! Is this seat taken?’, Flux, the dragon, asks grumpy Mr Schröder, and that’s how the acquaintance between the two tentatively develops. Getting to know Flux, Mr Schröder learns that it’s never too late to make one’s dream come true. A book which needs few words and conveys a beautiful message.



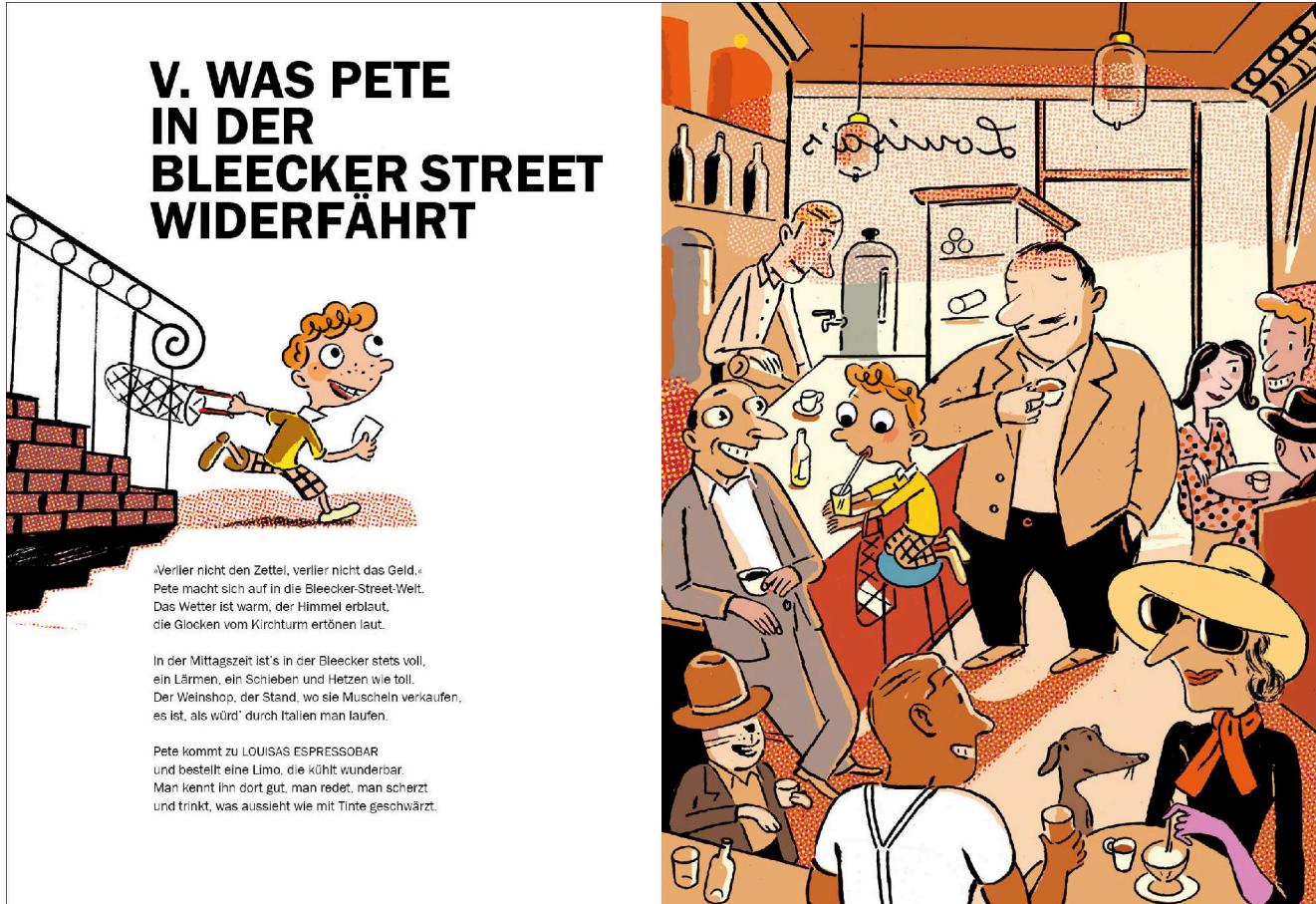
**Antje Damm**  
**That Seat Is Taken!**  
 32 pages  
 January 2026  
 Age: 4+  
 4c illustrations, 22,3cm x 29,4cm  
**Genre:** Picture-Book, Family / Friends  
**Licenses sold:** Korea (Green Spinach)



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**Antje Damm**, born in 1965, studied Architecture and started writing after becoming a mother. She lives close to Gießen with her husband and her four daughters. All her books are characterised by their closeness to children and their way of thinking.

# Mascha Kaléko: Abracadabra on Sullivan Street



A must-have for all Kaléko fans, this poem is set as a picture book for the very first time'

Beautifully illustrated by one of Germany's renowned illustrators, Sullivan St and Bleeker St vividly come to life on everypage

**Mascha Kaléko discovered anew – a gift for children and adults alike**

*'Abracadabra on Sullivan Street'* is an intriguing find from Mascha Kaléko's estate. The long poem accompanies the siblings Judy and Pete through the colourful, lively Sullivan Street, where people from different cultures live peacefully and amicably side by side. One day, a little misunderstanding upsets Pete's life when his teacher mishears him, taking his father's profession for "magician" rather than "musician". This, of course, makes Pete become the centre of attention and he quite enjoys it, too. However, the truth comes out in the end and there is a lesson in it ... *Abracadabra!*



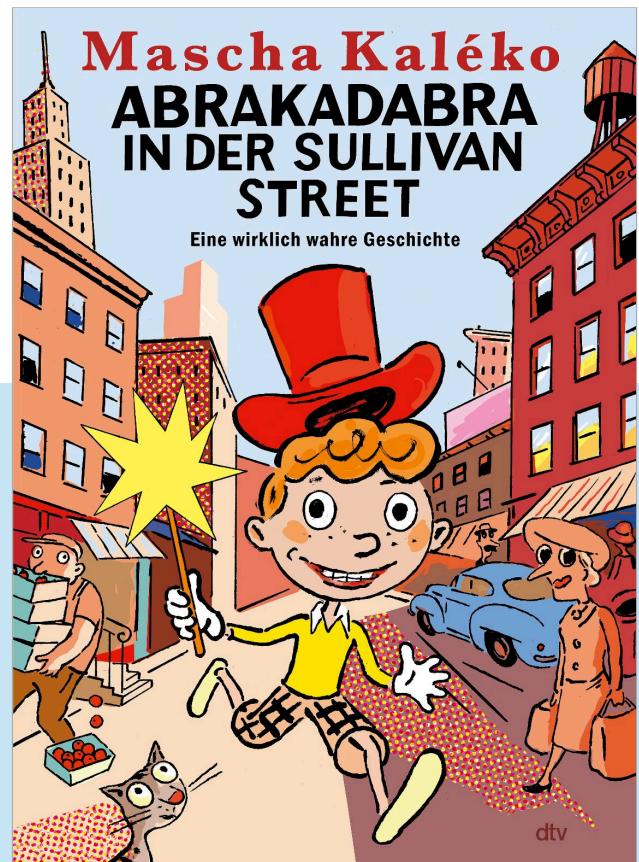
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**Mascha Kaléko**, born in 1907 in Galicia, died in Zurich in 1975, shot to fame in the 1930s with the publication of her '*Lyrical Shorthand Pad*'. In 1938, she emigrated to the US and later to Israel. She is one of the most prominent German-language poets of the 20th century.

**Thomas M. Müller** is one of Germany's most illustrious illustrators. He has received numerous prizes and teaches as Professor of Illustration at the Academy of Graphic and Book Arts in Leipzig.



**Mascha Kaléko, Thomas Müller (III.)**  
**Abracadabra on Sullivan Street**  
 48 pages  
 March 2026  
 Age: 5+  
 4c illustrations, 22cm x 30,5cm

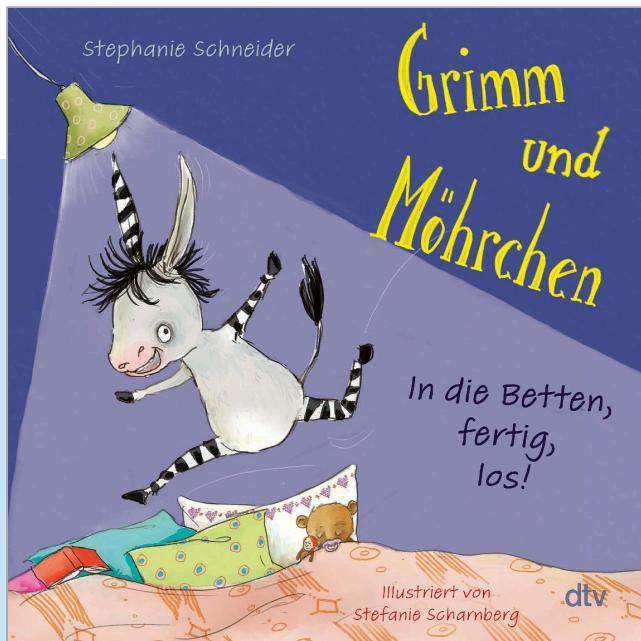
**Genre:** Picture-Book

# Stephanie Schneider: Grimm and Carotto – Time for Bed ... Ready, Steady, Go! (vol. I)

- Grimm and Carotto – now also for the very young
- A wonderful bedtime story – not just for fans of Carotto
- Loving rhymes and familiarly cosy illustrations from the successful author-illustrator duo



Backlist



Stephanie Schneider, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.)  
**Grimm and Carotto – Time for Bed ... Ready, Steady, Go! (vol. I)**  
 22 pages  
 October 2025  
 Age: 2+  
 4c illustrations, 17cm x 17cm

**Genre:** Picture-Book, Family / Friends

## Evening routine with the little zonkey

It gets really cosy in the evening with Grimm and Carotto! They brush their teeth together, sing, read and cuddle.

This cardboard picture book with its catchy texts accompanies the two during their evening routine and brings a warm and fuzzy feeling to the nursery.



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**Stephanie Schneider**, born in 1972, studied Education and Art at the Fine Arts Academy in Braunschweig. Since 2004 she has been pursuing her childhood dream to work primarily as an author. She lives in Hanover with her husband and two daughters.

**Stefanie Scharnberg** was born in Hamburg in 1967 and completed a bookseller's apprenticeship in her home town. She then traveled to Florence to study Painting. On her return to Germany in 1992, she resumed her work as bookseller and illustrator. She now lives in Freiburg with her family.

# Stephanie Schneider: Grimm and Carotto Build a Cosy Den (vol. II)

- Catchy texts and the familiar cosy illustrations from the successful duo
- Expanding the zonkey universe: Grimm and Carotto now also available for the youngest
- Ideal for reading aloud in the evening and for winding down



Backlist

## Building, hiding and lots of fun with Carotto

It never gets boring with the little zonkey Carotto, because funny ideas just bubble out of his stripes. If you cannot go outside, cosy dens are to be built inside. It's a great place to hide and cuddle with each other – snug as a bug in a rug!



Stephanie Schneider, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.)

Grimm and Carotto Build a Cosy Den (vol. II)

22 pages

October 2025

Age: 2+

4c illustrations, 17cm x 17cm

Genre: Picture-Book, Family / Friends



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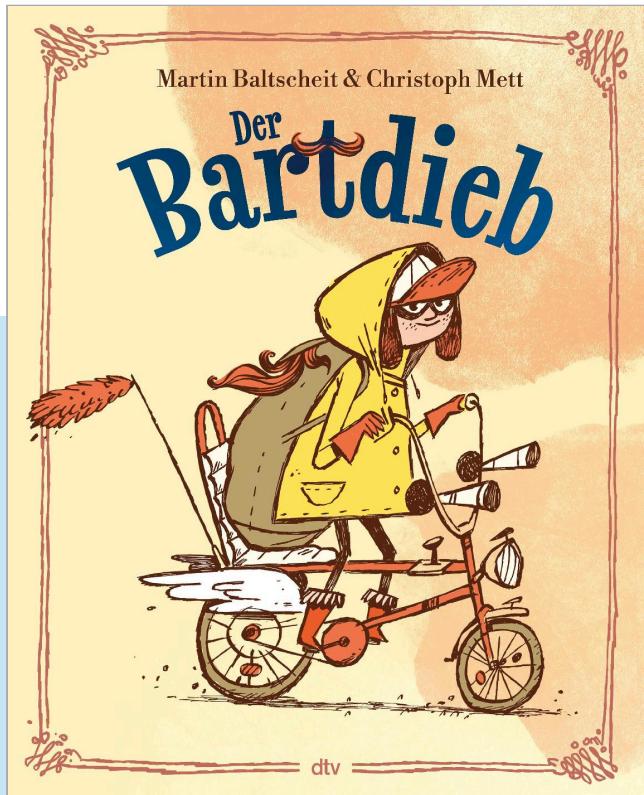
# Martin Baltscheit: The Beard Thief

Backlist

A masterful picture book dealing otherness and gender in a funny, playful way: Whether with or without a beard – everyone is fine the way they are!

Find the beard thief on every page: a treasure hunt with rhymes and funny riddles

Previous books by the author have been translated into 19 languages



**Martin Baltscheit, Christoph Mett (III.)**

**The Beard Thief**

48 pages

October 2025

Age: 5+

4c illustrations, 24,3 x 30,5cm

**Genre:** Picture-Book, Humor

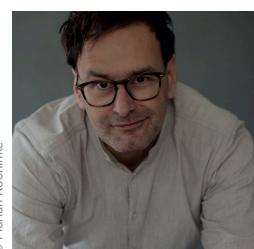


## Breaking news: beards gone missing!

Pirates, dwarves, sailors – even Father Christmas is not safe from the beard thief! The police scratch their chins as they try to work out who is the mastermind behind the stolen facial hair. Soon, the trail leads them to someone nobody would have suspected of the crime ... A little girl!



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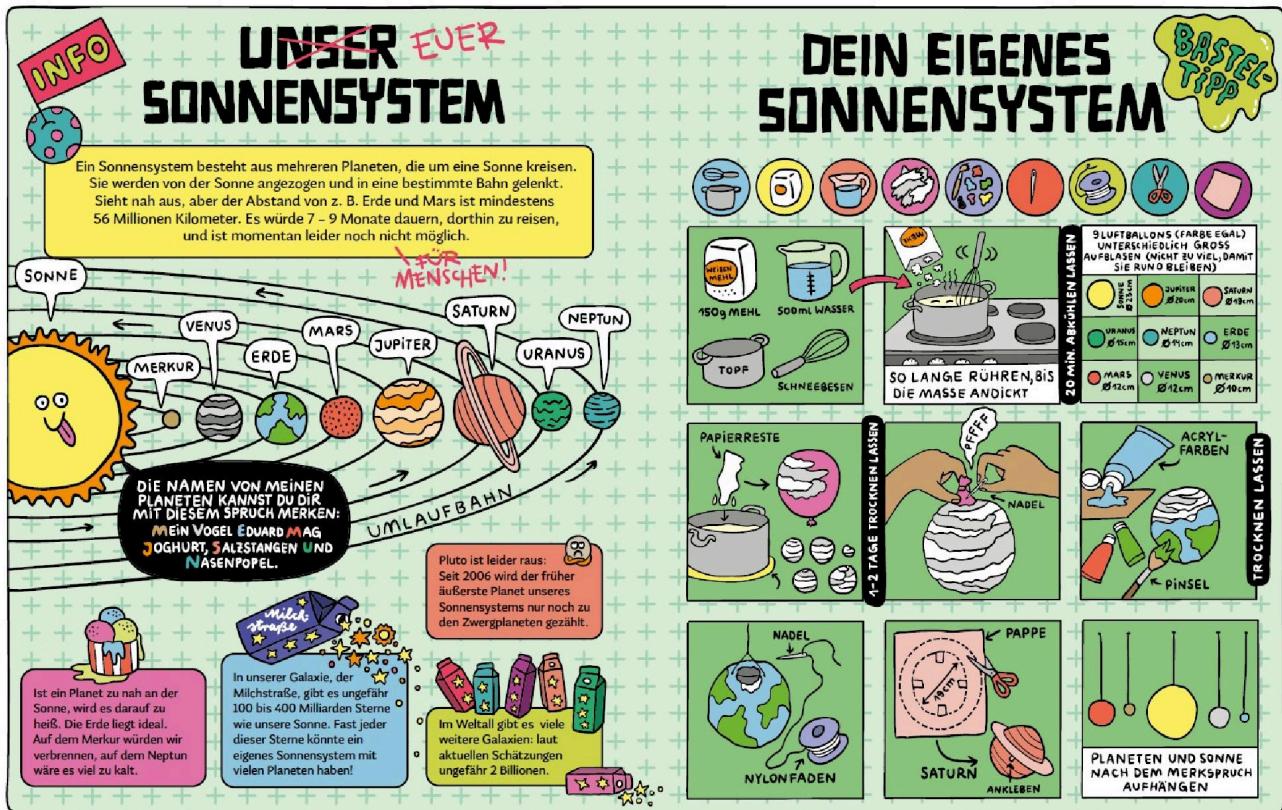
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**Martin Baltscheit**, born in Düsseldorf in 1965, studied Communication Design in Essen. He has since worked as a comic artist, illustrator, actor and author of children's books, prose, radio and theatre plays. He has won numerous awards for his work.

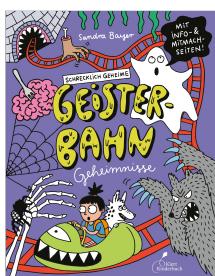
**Christoph Mett**, born in 1978, learned his drawing skills from the Czech poster artist Eugen Miskovic. After his return to Germany he studied Design and worked as an illustrator and animator for several publishing houses. He was awarded the *ICMA Gold Award* in 2019.



# Sandra Bayer: Grandly Galactic Alien Secrets (vol. II)



## Backlist



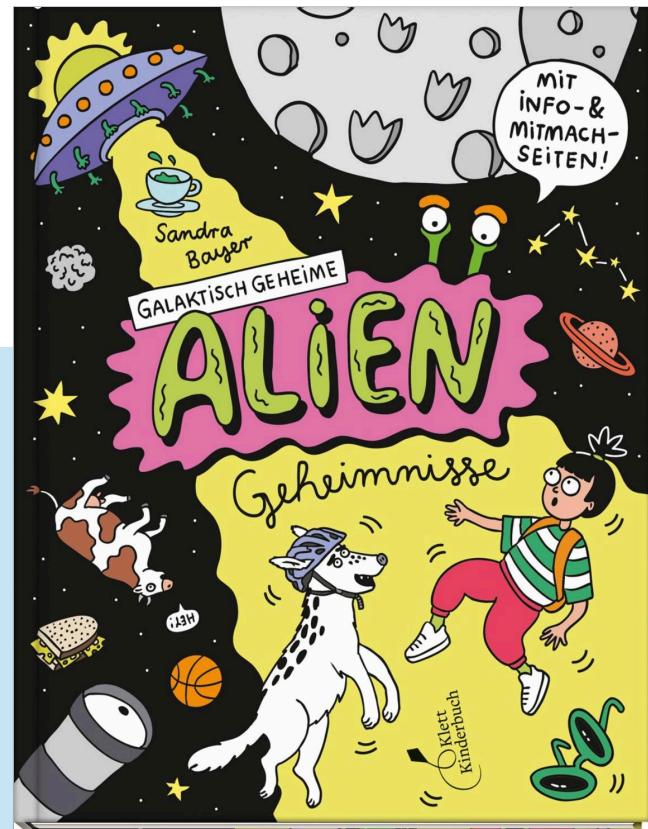
Sandra Bayer  
Terribly Secret Ghost Train  
Mysteries (vol. I)  
48 pages  
August 2024

Licenses sold: Denmark (Turbine),  
Romania (Niculescu), Sweden  
(Berghs förlag)

- Original mix of funny comic-book story, factual information and DIY ideas
- Profound scientific knowledge based on research into extraterrestrial life
- Perfect for the STEM or the comics shelf – your choice!

### A Comic Guide to the Galaxy

During their visit to the planetarium, Lola and her dog Gurki discover something strange while looking through the telescope: Was that a UFO that just flew by? Of course, says the entirely human UFO expert, who is suddenly standing next to her, providing ample, apparent proof and arguments for the existence of aliens. The astronomer Yelda counters with scientific explanations, giving Lola and Gurki true insight into the current state of her research. In this exciting, funny non-fiction comic, children will not only find all kinds of well-researched information about space and aliens but also a whole “saucer” full of exciting, creative and delicious hands-on ideas. From alien slime to the Roswell incident, extraterrestrial and extra good!



**Sandra Bayer**  
**Grandly Galactic Alien Secrets (vol. II)**  
 48 pages  
 February 2026  
 Age: 5+  
 4c illustrations, 18 x 23 cm

**Genre:** Picture-Book, Non-Fiction, Comic Novels / Graphic Novels



**Sandra Bayer**, born in 1987, works as a freelance illustrator and designer for various publishers, organisations and companies. In her visual world, she likes to deal with fantastic creatures, strange encounters of the third kind and a diverse cosmos of animals and people. Sandra Bayer lives in Berlin.

# Franziska Ludwig: Do We Know Each Other? Our Secret Similarities

- Opens our eyes and makes us curious about the people around us – a kaleidoscope of everyday lives
- An anti-cliché picture puzzle book
- Offers many essential conversation starters

Backlist



Franziska Ludwig  
**Do We Know Each Other? Our Secret Similarities**  
 64 pages  
 September 2025  
 Age: 4+  
 4c illustrations, 21,6cm x 26,2cm

Genre: Picture-Book, Family / Friends



## Who likes to secretly pee in the shower?

Some like to sort people into groups: good and bad, black and white, right and left. The result: pigeonholing, stereotypes, prejudices. However, thinking of what people have in common, opens the heart and stirs one's imagination if you do it like the artist Franziska Ludwig. In her picture puzzle book, she guides us through the lives of 56 characters, which she keeps reorganising according to their characteristics, preferences and current life situation. Thus, on one page we see everyone who's ever had to flee (even if it was just to escape from a mountain of undone dishes) or everyone who loves a pet (even if it's the spider on the wall). And we are right in the middle of it all: By flicking back and forth and finding similarities, secrets and stories, we are able to recognise ourselves in others.

**Franziska Ludwig**, born in 1976, is an illustrator who lives in the north of Germany on the world's busiest artificial waterway with her family. She studied Communication Design and Illustration in Kiel. Her favourite things to draw are animals, people and fantasy creatures. Fortunately, there's always space for at least one of those in children's books – and preferably all at once!

**Matthäus Bär: A Capybara Picture Book [title tba]**



**Matthäus Bär**  
**A Capybara Picture Book [title tba]**  
 32 pages  
 October 2026  
 Age: 3+  
 4c illustrations, 22cm x 30,5cm  
**Genre:** Picture-Book

**The very first snow for our adventurous capybaras**

A new day is dawning in the zoo – and suddenly, everything is so different! White flakes are falling from the sky, the meadow twinkles with a frosty cover and the capybaras are flabbergasted. What is happening? Together, Emmy, Raul and Tristan discover the magic of winter – experiencing an ice-cold lot of fun and wonderfully snowflake-shaped surprises.

**David Blum, Katharina Bendixen: Oh No! Not into the Piggy Bank – A Piece of Money Rolls Around the World**



**David Blum, Katharina Bendixen**  
**Oh No! Not into the Piggy Bank – A Piece of Money Rolls Around the World**  
 40 pages  
 August 2026  
 Age: 5+  
 4c illustrations, 21,6cm x 26,2cm  
**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Children's Books / YA, Picture-Book

**Minted, gifted, stolen, cursed – a Euro coin can experience quite an adventure!**

For many children, coins such as the euro are their first encounter with money – mysterious, shiny and involving a lot of questions. Where does a euro come from? What can you do with it and who owned it before? And why do some people give money away so easily, while others have to beg for every single one? Based on these questions, readers of 'Oh no! Not in the piggy bank' follow the journey of a newly minted euro coin: from hand to hand and country to country, on trains, buses and even in a dog's belly. Because, yes, sometimes money really does stink...

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