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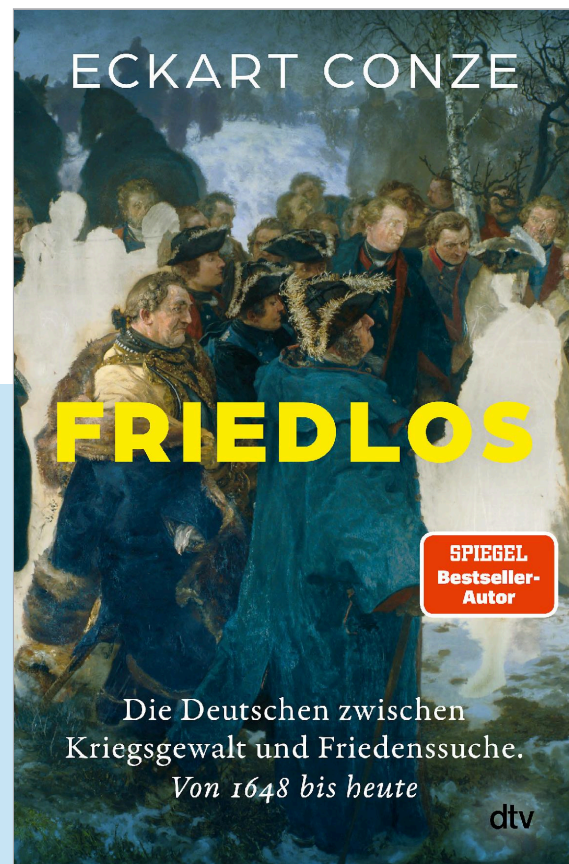
# Eckart Conze: Peaceless – Germany between War and Peace. From 1648 to the Present Day

- Conze is one of Germany's most renowned experts on modern history
- For readers of Herfried Münkler, Carlo Masala and Heinrich August Winkler
- A historical book which couldn't be more timely



## At the heart of Europe: Germany and the 500-year struggle between war and peace

Contemporary German foreign policy is deeply rooted in historical tradition: For centuries, central Europe was a site of struggle for dominance. War and violence were – and are – part of this history. As important as it is to maintain a strong defensive force, respecting the German Constitution and its emphasis on peace means, Germany cannot neglect foreign policy and diplomacy. In this compelling historical survey, Eckart Conze uncovers the closely interwoven dynamic between the striving for peace and the violence of war. Taking a historical view, the book explores Germany's role in Europe and the world, arguing that Germany has to re-establish its place in a changing, ever-more-disrupted world – accepting the reality of war while never giving up on the goal of peace.



**Eckart Conze**  
**Peaceless: Germany between War and Peace. From 1648 to the Present Day**  
 ca. 608 pages  
 April 2026

**Genre:** Non-Fiction, History



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**Eckart Conze**, born in 1963, is the Chair of Modern and Recent History at the University of Marburg. He is a high-profile historian of Germany's recent history. His research concentrations include the history of the German aristocracy, foreign policy, the Treaty of Versailles, and the history of modern Germany.



# Harald Meller, Kai Michel: Heart of Power. An Archaeological Search for Identity, Myths and Truth

- A new take on the birth of the German nation in the Middle Ages
- Reclaims a historically misused era with fresh, evidence-based perspectives
- Explores themes of identity, myth, and truth that transcend borders



Harald Meller, Kai Michel  
**Heart of Power. An Archaeological Search for Identity, Myths and Truth**  
 ca. 400 pages  
 May 2026

**Genre:** Non-Fiction, History, Society / Politics

## A Thrilling Journey into Europe's Forgotten Foundations

For decades, the Ottonian period was seen as a defining era of Europe's heartland. Hence, the Nazi regime ideologically hijacked it to justify its vision of a 'Thousand-Year Reich'. Today, archaeology is being rewritten – revealing the real story behind one of Europe's most pivotal epochs.

From the spectacular excavations of Queen Editha's and Emperor Otto the Great's tombs in Magdeburg Cathedral, to the latest discoveries of Ottonian castles and palaces, and cutting-edge archaeogenetic research into ancient noble graves, this book offers material worthy of the next *Indiana Jones*. Told by a team of authors who masterfully blend scientific insight with gripping storytelling, this book is both intellectually rich and wildly entertaining.



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**Harald Meller** is one of the most prominent archaeologists in the world. As a state archaeologist for Saxony-Anhalt, he saved the Nebra Sky Disk from criminal circles despite considerable personal risks. Meller wrote the bestsellers, *'The Sky Disk of Nebra'*, *'Reach for the Stars'*, and *'The Mystery of the Shaman'* with Kai Michel.

**Kai Michel** is a historian and literary scholar. Working with Carel van Schaik, he read the Bible as a *'Diary of Humanity'*; together they presented an award-winning analysis of the invention of gender inequality in *'The Truth About Eve'*, and explained why we are living in a state of emergency in *'Being Man'*.



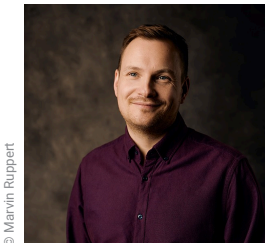
# Jakob Schwerdtfeger: Four, Three, Two, One – That's Your Art History Done

- The various eras in art history, finally explained in an accessible and hilarious way
- Lavishly produced, with numerous colour illustrations
- The new book from the bestselling author, art historian and comedian



## A wild ride through the most important eras in art history

Why is the Baroque like crack for art-lovers? What does Cubism have to do with sewage treatment? And why is the Renaissance the overachiever of all the eras? The author explores these and many other questions in his latest book, offering a hilarious yet well-researched overview of a thousand years of art history – from the Middle Ages to the present day. He narrates fun facts and anecdotes, touching on the great masters as well as the underdogs. This unique mix makes one thing abundantly clear: Art has far more impact on our lives than we think. A book to enrich all future visits to museums – and an absolute delight.



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**Jakob Schwerdtfeger**, born in Hanover in 1988, is an art historian, stand-up comedian, and freestyle rapper. After completing his studies, he worked as an art agent for the famous Städel Museum in Frankfurt. During that time, a digitorial about Monet, of which he was a part, was awarded the Grimme Online Award.

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**Jakob Schwerdtfeger**  
I See Something You Don't See,  
and That's Art  
192 pages  
September 2023



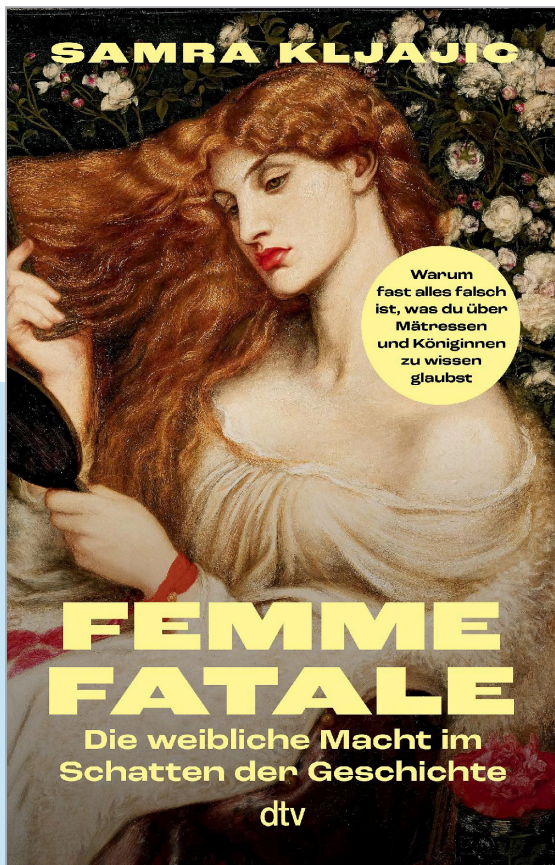
**Jakob Schwerdtfeger**  
**Four, Three, Two, One – That's Your Art History Done**  
ca. 320 pages  
May 2026  
with 4c illustrations

**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Art / Film / Music

# Samra Kljajic: Femme Fatale – Female Power in the Shadow of History

A fresh, myth-breaking perspective on powerful women in history

A compelling blend of love, politics, and strategy



**Samra Kljajic**  
**Femme Fatale: Female Power in the Shadow of History**  
 ca. 280 pages  
 June 2026

**Genre:** Non-Fiction, History

## Love, power and diplomacy

Whether princess or queen, noble or middle class: Too often, a woman's path in life was decided for her. Her role? Mostly passive. Any woman who did rise through the ranks risked being called calculating or was suspected of driving men crazy. Even today, these notions shape our narratives about history's powerful women. But if this is the whole story, then why did marriage and dowries play such a crucial role? How did certain women manage to break all the rules – and what price did they pay, both during their lifetimes and in the eyes of posterity?

Samra Kljajic tells the true story of queens and mistresses, of courtesans and concubines. A new perspective on the femme fatale that moves beyond clichéd narratives of scandal and betrayal.



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**Samra Kljajic** studied international development. In 2021, she followed her passion for history and produced her first TikTok video. This video, about the chainsaw as an obstetrical instrument, went viral. Since then, she has provided her community with exciting and crazy historical facts, conveying connections between historical events and uncovering unexpected stories behind personalities. She is from Vienna, Austria.



# Philipp Gassert: The Bipolar Nation – America's Gifts to the World. The Good and the Bad

- A critical assessment of the country that brought us Mickey Mouse, Facebook and the atomic bomb
- The author is a scholar of American and contemporary history, one of Germany's most renowned experts on the US
- For readers of Herfried Münkler and Jill Lepore

## The 250th anniversary of the USA: 4th of July 2026

From independence to Trump, from imperialism to isolationism, from the delights of mass consumption to climate change, from global dominance to growing chaos, from great promise to great danger: The age of America has had its highs and lows.

The United States has given a tremendous amount to the world, and to itself – and has demanded just as much in return. Philipp Gassert's reappraisal of American history and its international influence is as ambivalent and enlightening as it is sobering. The author examines the seemingly insurmountable contradictions that have become so apparent in recent years, showing how deeply rooted they are in the founding and history of the nation.



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**Philipp Gassert** has been professor of Contemporary History at the University of Mannheim since 2014. He has previously taught and conducted research at the German Historical Institute in Washington D.C., the University of Heidelberg, LMU Munich, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Augsburg, and has held visiting professorships in Haifa and Vienna. Philipp Gassert's research focuses on German and European contemporary history as well as transatlantic history and US foreign policy of the 20th and 21st centuries. In addition to his scholarly work, Gassert frequently writes for *DIE ZEIT* and *FAZ*.



**Philipp Gassert**  
**The Bipolar Nation – America's Gifts to the World.**  
**The Good and the Bad**  
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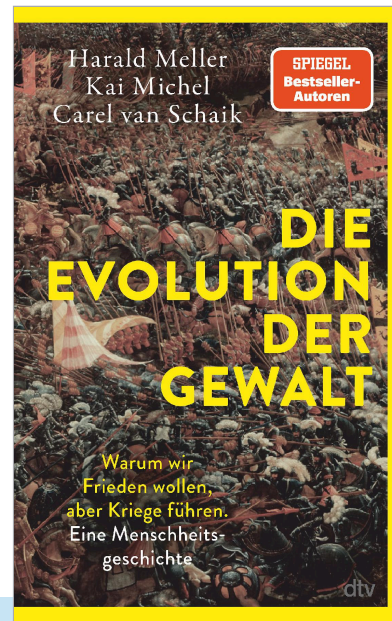


**Christoph Safferling: The Powerlessness of International Law – The Return of War and Crimes Against Humanity**



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**The Powerlessness of International Law – The Return of War and Crimes Against Humanity**  
 320 pages  
 October 2025  
**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Society / Politics

**H. Meller, K. Michel, C. v. Schaik: The Evolution of Violence – Why We Want Peace But Are Waging Wars**



**Harald Meller, Kai Michel, Carel van Schaik**  
**The Evolution of Violence – Why We Want Peace But Are Waging Wars**  
 368 pages  
 October 2024  
**Genre:** Non-Fiction, History, Society / Politics  
**Licenses sold:** Hungary, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden

**Syria, Ukraine, Gaza: Is international law in tatters? Does the law of the jungle hold sway?**

With the Nuremberg Trials, a new chapter in the history of international law began after the Second World War. And after the Cold War, a rule-based world order appeared realistic. However, this is not the reality of the early 21st century – international law appears to be in ruins, brute force seems to prevail, and the global community seems to be settling into cynicism or resignation. Safferling's treatise is concise, competent, personal, and passionate. Despite its seemingly somber title, the book ultimately offers an optimistic outlook: Safferling argues convincingly that international law should not be written off as a regulatory framework for global relations. In the author's firm belief, it will ultimately assert its relevance and force. As readers move through the book, it becomes increasingly clear that there are compelling reasons to share this hope.

**Why war is not fate**

The unimaginable has occurred: War is back – and it is threatening us all. Was the long peace in Europe just a brief interlude? Are we doomed because we simply cannot counteract our warlike nature? It's high time to trace the evolutionary roots of violence. These three best-selling authors set off to tell a different kind of history of humanity. They present current research on chimpanzees and bonobos, trace the archeology of murder and manslaughter, and show how war has made despots and states, but also great gods. Their message: We are not condemned to war, but if we are not careful, we can easily fall victim to it.

## Florence Gaub: The Future – An Instruction Manual



**Florence Gaub**  
**The Future – An Instruction Manual**  
 224 pages  
 September 2023

**Licenses sold:** English Rights (Hurst), Spain (Anaya/Oberon), Taiwan (Business Weekly Publications)

## Florence Gaub: Scenario – The Future Is at Stake



**Florence Gaub**  
**Scenario – The Future Is at Stake**  
 ca. 512 pages  
 November 2025

**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Society / Politics

### Rock the future! A book that takes away fears and brings our future into focus

»People are creatures who have the ability to imagine the future in such detail that they can create it«, writes Florence Gaub, which is a message of hope in these times. For rarely has the future been as fraught with so many and such great uncertainties as it is today: War, climate change, inflation ...

Using research results from neuroscience, psychology, and philosophy, Florence Gaub demonstrates how people imagine, construct, and create the 'future' in real life. This is crucial because right now, we are at risk of losing faith in our own power to shape our future lives. With Florence Gaub, we examine and understand how we can utilize our room to maneuver.

### The political future of the world seems wide open – what does it hold for us?

The future seems more frightening than it did just a few years ago. What it will look like doesn't depend solely on Russia and the US, but on a large number of players. By taking stock of what we actually know, what we don't know, and above all, what options for action are available, we retrieve the feeling that we too have a role to play in our future.

Florence Gaub invites readers to make their own foreign policy decisions: Instead of merely being spectators of more or less plausible scenarios, readers can follow different decision-making paths. The book provides insights into possible decision-making processes and imparts a sense of self-determination. Or to quote the author: »The more empowered we feel, the more hope we generate. And the more hopeful we are, the greater the chances that the future will turn out well.«

# Nicholas Potter: The New Authoritarian Left – An Imminent Threat to Democratic Society

- A timely, provocative analysis of how radical narratives take hold
- Revealing networks, tactics, and internal dynamics that are usually hidden from public view



**Nicholas Potter**  
**The New Authoritarian Left – An Imminent Threat to Democratic Society**  
 256 pages  
 March 2026  
**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Society / Politics

## When the left celebrates terrorism

It pretends to be progressive, but ever since Hamas's attack on Israel, it has become increasingly anti-democratic: This is the new authoritarian left. Dogmatic and zealous, it re-interprets radical Islamic terrorist violence as decolonial resistance. It is quick to accept the propaganda and disinformation spread by autocratic regimes or dubious sources within 'alternative media'. Anybody with a dissenting opinion is rapidly labelled as the enemy, and its advocates fuel hatred of the press – sometimes even calling for murder. Drawing on investigative research as well as his own experiences, journalist Nicholas Potter offers an insight into the inner workings of the movement in Germany and the US and Great Britain, where similarly radical tendencies are emerging. Potter deftly lays out the network of the new authoritarian left, revealing how it operates, and asking: Are we, as a democratic society, ready for what's coming?



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**Nicholas Potter**, born in the UK in 1990, is a journalist and editor for the *taz*. His articles on topics such as right-wing extremism and antisemitism have also appeared in newspapers including the *Tagesspiegel* and the *Jüdische Allgemeine*, as well as in the *Guardian* and *Haaretz*. In 2024, he was nominated for the *Theodor Wolff Prize*.



# Tillmann Prüfer: What You (Really) Need to Know About Parenting – Key Takeaways from Crucial Studies

Enlightening, helpful and vividly written

For readers of Jonathan Haidt and Bas Kast

## Four daughters and 400 studies

Parents are supposed to understand their child's needs and be endlessly supportive, caring and empathic. There's tremendous pressure and a huge array of theories, fads and pieces of advice. But how do you get your bearings in all this?

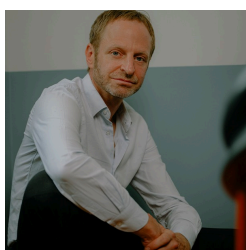
Science journalist Tillmann Prüfer is here to help. He reviews studies, asks experts and gets to the bottom of the things we know for sure. Do you need to set an example? Are punishments helpful? How formative is childhood, really? The book touches on the importance of rewards and encouragement, values, emotions, attachment, media consumption, eating habits, friends, siblings, playing and what it means to be a role model. Prüfer helps readers navigate out of the muddle of competing advice and dogmatic thinking, revealing that it's far more important to spend time with your children than to rigidly adhere to any particular precepts.



**Tillmann Prüfer**  
**What You (Really) Need to Know About Parenting –**  
**Key Takeaways from Crucial Studies**  
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**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Self Help / Psychology

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**Tillmann Prüfer** heads the 'family' section for *DIE ZEIT* and *ZEIT Online*. He writes regular features and columns for various publications, including *ZEITmagazin* and the *Handelsblatt* and has won numerous prizes for his journalism.

# Josef Naber, Johannes Mensing: Success For Everyone! 25 Strategies to Expand Knowledge

- A sustainable way to study – tips and tricks for all examination situations
- Small steps with maximum effect – a new routine in just a few weeks
- Two long-time successful online coaches share their tips and tricks



**Josef Naber, Johannes Mensing**  
**Success For Everyone! 25 Strategies to Expand Knowledge**  
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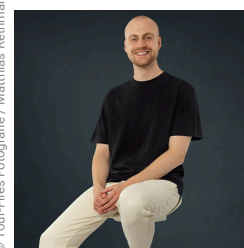
## Study smarter, not harder – transform your life in 25 days

Want to boost your ability to learn effectively with minimal effort, use your time more efficiently, stop procrastinating and become immune to the countless distractions of everyday life? Cue study-skills experts Johannes Mensing and Josef Naber to the rescue! They deliver the perfect blend of tried-and-tested hacks and the latest scientific data. The star of the show is an interactive 25-day challenge, chopped up into easily digestible bite-size chunks. Discover how your brain actually works, what you learn while you're asleep, whether flashcards are totally outdated or absolutely essential, why we're all addicted to our phones and what we can do about it. A motivating read and a guide to designing your own personal studying routine.

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**Josef Naber**, born in 1998, studied mathematics and social sciences. and developed a passion for explaining complex topics. Together with Johannes Mensing, he founded the company Mathe-Mind.

**Johannes Mensing**, born in 1999, studied mathematics and social sciences. Together with Josef Naber, he founded the company Math-eMind.

Their first jointly-written book "Everyone Can Do Math" was a Spiegel-bestseller.

# Alina Grandt: Mom Brain – How Motherhood Changes Your Brain And How To Activate Your Full Potential

- A scientifically based look at the mum brain
- Inspiration for stability and clarity in a time of upheaval
- With self-tests and neuropsychological support

## Let's start a mom brain revolution

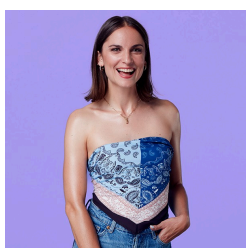
During pregnancy the brain undergoes neuropsychological changes. The fact that you suddenly feel and think differently is not only down to external circumstances, but are also due to a profound change to the brain. However, contrary to many prejudices, motherhood is not a loss but an evolutionary upgrade to your brain. On the basis of scientifically-founded knowledge Alina Spieth shows exactly what happens in your brain and how you can use this knowledge to confidently find your new identity. The author gives impulses for a strong, confident mindset – for mothers who don't just want to function but also want to grow.



**Alina Grandt**  
**Mom Brain – How Motherhood Changes Your Brain and How To Activate Your Full Potential**  
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**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Self Help / Psychology

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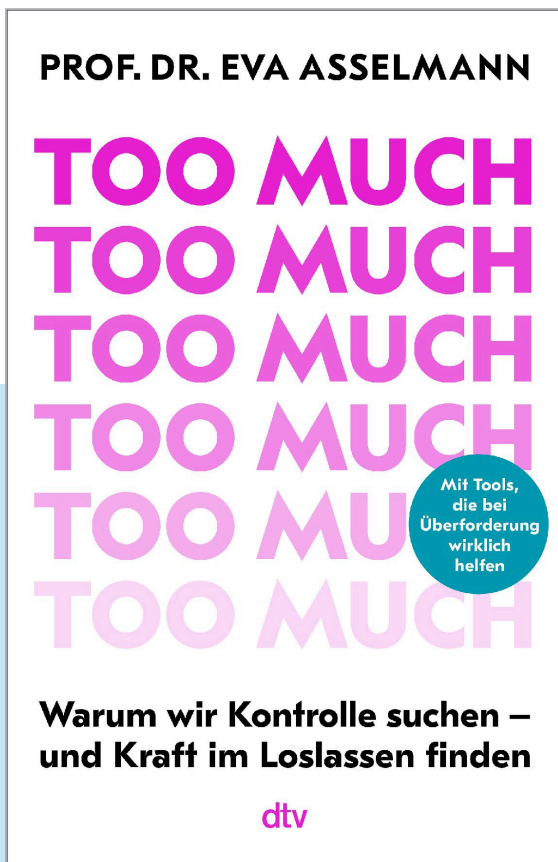


**Alina Grandt** is a psychological consultant and host of the podcast 'Mama Lauda'. Before specialising in this field, she worked for over ten years in the communication department of a large automotive group, while studying psychology at the same time.



# Eva Asselmann: Too Much – Why We Want Control and Find Strength in Letting Go

- Immensely timely: We all know what it's like to feel overwhelmed and to feel as if we're losing control
- A first-rate author with vast expertise and international research experience
- Featuring countless tried-and-tested practical tools



**Eva Asselmann**  
**Too Much: Why We Want Control and Find Strength in Letting Go**  
 256 pages  
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**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Self Help / Psychology

## Regain your ability to act – even when things get too much

The world moves at breakneck speed. We're constantly overstimulated, our sense of safety is eroded, and we're bombarded day after day with negative headlines, leaving us overwhelmed, exhausted and feeling alone. Renowned psychologist Eva Asselmann explains why control is a deeply human need and what happens when it slips away from us. Accessible and relatable, this book explores the central concerns of our age: acceleration, uncertainty, self-optimisation and loneliness, revealing how we can regain confidence and clarity even when life threatens to get on top of us. A compass for anybody who wants to not just weather the storm but to develop inner strength – for a life that's as fulfilling as it is challenging.



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**Eva Asselmann**, born in 1989, is professor of Psychology at the HMU Health and Medical University in Potsdam. She has made numerous research visits abroad, most recently at the University of California in Los Angeles. She is the author of countless studies and also leads international research projects on personal development, stress management and prevention. Previous titles have been licenced to Korea, Taiwan and Russia.

# Tessa Randau: Time for My Dreams – How I Learned to Trust Life Again

Perfect for readers who love emotionally rich storytelling with universal appeal

Overall print run of Tessa Randau's books at dtv: 280,000 copies

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## What Truly Matters – A Heartfelt Story of Second Chances and Unexpected Friendships

What happens when all your dreams collapse like a house of cards? That's the question facing a newly separated 38-year-old woman - until a chance encounter with Lotte, an older woman, and her friends Anita and Johann changes everything. What begins as a casual meeting soon blossoms into a deep and transformative friendship.

Through warm, humorous, and profound conversations, the trio shares their most powerful life lessons - moving stories of missed opportunities, true connection, and the courage to follow one's heart. Slowly, the young woman begins to understand which doors she must open to let happiness back into her life.



**Tessa Randau**  
**Time for My Dreams – How I Learned to Trust Life Again**

192 pages  
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with 2c illustrations

**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Self Help / Psychology



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**Tessa Randau** is an author, journalist, and counsellor specialising in stress and burnout. Her first two books were Spiegel bestsellers. She is in her mid-forties, loves her wrinkles and grey hair and lives by one motto: find as much joy in the everyday as possible.

# Gert Krischak: The Osteoarthritis Formula – Your Guide to a Pain-Free Life without Surgery

- A common condition: osteoarthritis affects nearly 8% of the global population
- A plan of action grounded in medical expertise, based on the author's decades of experience
- The author is a senior orthopaedic doctor specialising in research and rehabilitation



**Gert Krischak**  
**The Osteoarthritis Formula: Your Guide to a Pain-Free Life without Surgery**

256 pages

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with 4c illustrations

**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Nature / Knowledge

## It is possible to live an active, pain-free life!

Nearly 600 million people across the globe suffer from osteoarthritis. Long considered incurable and often treated with surgery, the condition has since come to be viewed in a different light, and we now know that intensive therapy can dramatically improve symptoms. Yet misconceptions still abound, slowing the patient's progress towards a life without pain. In *'The Osteoarthritis Formula'*, Professor Krischak offers a customised way out of pain, outlining the current medical research in easily accessible language and cutting to the core of the disease. Drawing on the scientific standards, he has developed a 100-day treatment plan to empower patients to return to an active, pain-free life – no surgery required.



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**Gert Krischak**, born in 1971, is one of the leading experts in the area of conservative orthopaedics in Germany. As a surgeon, orthopaedist and trauma surgeon, he has decades of experience in both the surgical and non-surgical treatment of osteoarthritis



# Jo Failer: I Don't Think About It – A Living Legacy

- A personal description of the author's own dementia, as he copes with the disease while still living a full and busy life
- Moving but never sentimental – matter-of-fact but never dry
- A major and important social issue

## What remains as your mind gradually fades away?

'*I Don't Think About It*' isn't a medical essay but rather a poetic, authentic and entertaining book about a fate many people fear – but which hardly anybody has described in this way. A book about living with Alzheimer's, before everything is lost – and about finding the joy in life despite it all.

When Jo Failer was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's at the age of 51, he was a busy father of two young children with a wide circle of friends and a demanding job. This book is an attempt to make his illness visible while he still can. Not by using statistics, not with clichés – but through real, personal moments.



**Jo Failer**  
**I Don't Think About It: A Living Legacy**  
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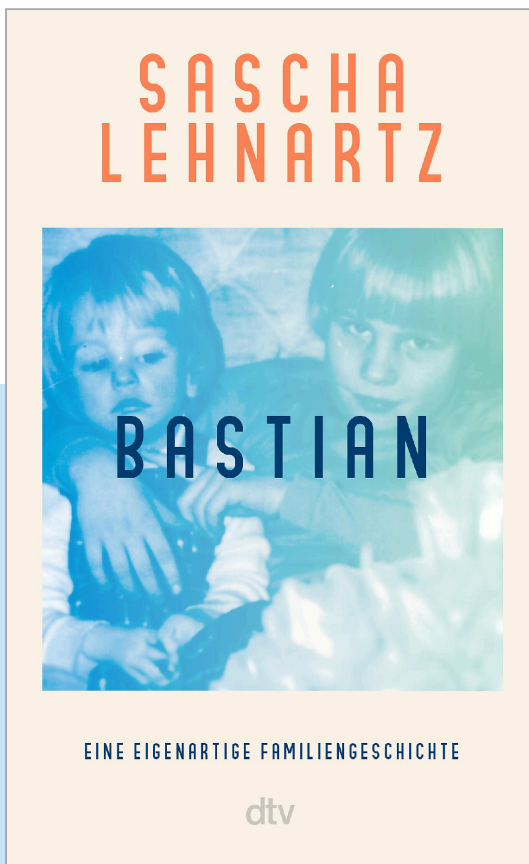


**Jo Failer**, born in 1972, is a journalist and broadcaster. He has written for various publications, worked for a TV sports programme and as a freelance TV producer. He is currently an artists' agent.

# Sascha Lehnartz: Bastian – A Very Special Family

## History

- An exceptional insight into the world of autism
- A brilliantly told family story: incisive, unsentimental and heart-warming
- For readers of Arno Geiger's "Der alte König in seinem Exil"



**Sascha Lehnartz**  
**Bastian – A Very Special Family History**  
 ca. 224 pages  
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**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Biography / Memoir

### At some point it's just normal

He doesn't play, doesn't listen, doesn't talk and bangs his head against the wall whenever something upsets him. He pushes beans into his ears, refuses to use the toilet, drinks litres of Coke and coffee and eats cigarette butts. He avoids eye contact, but he does sometimes ask for a hug. Bastian lives in his own world. He is autistic. Unsentimental and yet deeply moving, 'Bastian' is the story of Sascha Lehnartz's little brother. Lehnartz explains how Bastian became the pivotal point of his family's life (even as he pushed them to their limits). It testifies to how on the surface he held them together until his death, but inwardly was tearing them apart. An intelligent meditation on the demands life makes on us, and on what it means to be human.



**Sascha Lehnartz**, born in Remscheid in 1969, studied Literature in Paris, Berlin, Santa Barbara and New York, eventually completing his PhD at Columbia University. He has worked for the *Frankfurter Allgemeinen Sonntagszeitung* and the *Süddeutschen Zeitung*. He was correspondent for *Die Welt* in Paris and also ran the foreign affairs desk. His book 'Global Players: Why We've Stopped Growing Up' was published in 2005, followed by 'Among the Gauls: Life in Paris' in 2011.

# Helmut Kuhn: The Ball is Round! – Football in the US

- Surprising facts, intriguing anecdotes, exclusive interviews
- Featuring Saskia Webber, Marilyn Monroe, Henry Kissinger, Franz Beckenbauer, Pelé, Jürgen Klinsmann and more
- A treasure trove for soccer/football fans

## Welcome to soccer!

The US is the only country in the world that doesn't call football football, but soccer. Even though there are apparently still some Americans who think the ball is oval, the game actually has a colourful and surprisingly long tradition in the US. Kuhn traces this history, from its early beginnings on the East Coast in the 1920s, to the amateurs who defeated the favourites, England, in Brazil in 1950, to today's record-beating women's world champions and the 2026 World Cup. In fifteen short essays, Kuhn demonstrates that if there was anything standing in the way of football in the US, it was hostile businessmen and chaotically structured leagues – but the fundamental passion has always been there! And while the men's team no doubt have international potential, the women are already there.



**Helmut Kuhn**  
**The Ball is Round! - Football in the US**  
 224 pages  
 March 2026  
 with s/w photos

**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Society / Politics



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**Helmut Kuhn**, born in Munich in 1962, studied History and Journalism at the Free University of Berlin and the Sorbonne in Paris. He has worked as a reporter, editor and freelance writer in New York and Berlin, including for *Aufbau*, *mare*, *Stern*, *Focus*, *DIE ZEIT*, *NZZ* and the *Jüdische Allgemeine*.



## Stella Schultner: Fall in Love with the Good Guys – Finally Find the Love You Long for



**Stella Schultner**  
**Fall in Love with the Good Guys – Finally Find the Love You Long for**  
 ca. 224 pages  
 November 2026

**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Love / Romance, Society / Politics

## Alexander Smoltczyk: Lisbon 1941 – City of Spies, Port of Hope



**Alexander Smoltczyk**  
**Lisbon 1941 – City of Spies, Port of Hope**  
 ca. 320 pages  
 September 2026

**Genre:** Non-Fiction, History

### You too are ready to meet the right person!

Why are there countless people who keep ending up with the wrong partner, finally becoming completely dating-fatigued? With any hope of a fulfilling relationship is stifled at its core? Psychologist Stella Schultner helps young women in particular to understand their love programming – the attachment patterns and beliefs that they unconsciously act on – and shows them their blind spots that prevent them from looking for love where it can actually be found. In her book, she uses many examples from her practice to explain how to recognise unhealthy habits, break them and thereby increasing the chances to find the good guys we all deserve.

### It was ‘Casablanca’ on film and Lisbon in real life ...

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