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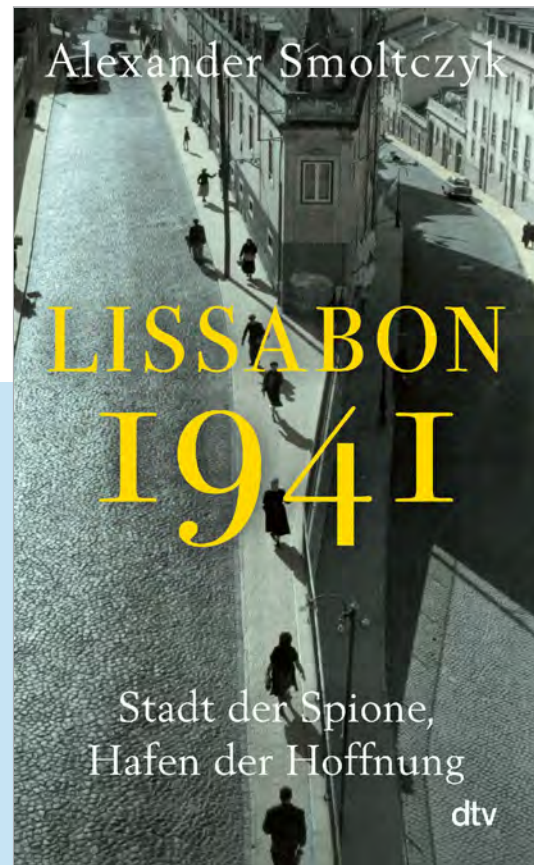
Alexander Smoltczyk: Lisbon 1941 – City of Spies, Port of Hope

- A little-known yet exciting chapter of contemporary history
- A sparkling gem of narrative history by an award-winning journalist
- For readers of Florian Illies, Oliver Hilmes and Andrea Wulf

It was 'Casablanca' on film and Lisbon in real life ...

In early summer of 1940, thousands of refugees arrived in Lisbon, hoping for a passage to the US, South America or even to England. Also in Lisbon, German agents and British spies watched each other warily, uncertain about double agents in their midst. German buyers tried to purchase large quantities of tinned sardines for Hitler's hungry Eastern Army and, more importantly, the rare and irreplaceable tungsten for their steel industry, which, of course, the British knew and counteracted. In between, local clans had their sights set on unexpected earning opportunities, while the Portuguese dictator Salazar balanced on a tightrope between all parties.

With aplomb, Smoltczyk brings to life the war-time meeting place of exiles, agents and the battle over sardines and tungsten.



Alexander Smoltczyk
Lisbon 1941 – City of Spies, Port of Hope
 384 pages
 September 2026
 with 45 b/w photographs

Genre: Non-Fiction, History



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Alexander Smoltczyk studied Economics, Political Science and Agricultural Economics in Berlin and Montpellier. He has written for *taz*, *merian*, *Geo* and other magazines. He has worked for *SPIEGEL* since 1997 and lived as a correspondent in Paris, Rome, Abu Dhabi and Lisbon. Smoltczyk has received numerous awards, including the *Henri Nannen Prize*.

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
 576 pages
 October 2026
 with 4c photographs

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 as well as 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.

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 and 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'*.

Backlist



Harald Meller, Kai Michel, Carel van Schaik
The Evolution of Violence – Why We Want Peace But Are Waging Wars
 ca. 368 pages
 December 2025

Licenses sold: Hungary, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden

Nils Büttner: Rubens – Sensuality in Times of War

- On the occasion of Rubens' 450th birthday in June 2027
- A compelling biography of Peter Paul Rubens bringing together art, politics and everyday life in early modern Europe
- By the world-renowned Rubens expert Prof. Nils Büttner

The superstar of the Baroque in a new light
Rubens was a successful entrepreneur, a respected diplomat and a gifted painter. His vibrant, sensual works quickly became coveted status symbols among aristocrats all over Europe. Nils Büttner paints a multifaceted portrait of the great master and reveals lesser-known aspects of the artist's life and personality: Rubens as an enthusiastic horse lover, an advocate of a largely vegetarian diet, a devoted husband whose much younger second wife embodied the glamour of her age and a man who, amid the turmoil of the Thirty Years' War, longed above all for peace. Combining vivid storytelling with fresh insights into Rubens' world, this book paints a magnificent panorama of 17th-century Europe and offers a new perspective on one of the most dazzling personalities of the Baroque era.



Nils Büttner
Rubens – Sensuality in Times of War
 368 pages
 October 2026
 with 60 4c photographs

Genre: Non-Fiction, History, Biography / Memoir



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Nils Büttner, born in Bremen in 1967, is professor of Art History at the Academy of Fine Arts in Stuttgart and co-editor of the '*Corpus Rubenianum Ludwig Burchard*', the catalogue raisonné of Peter Paul Rubens. He has been chairman of the Centrum Rubenianum in Antwerp since 2021 and was appointed foreign member of the Royal Flemish Academy of Sciences and Arts of Belgium in 2024.

Hannes Liebrandt & Niklas Fischer: Crimes Scenes Throughout History – Historical Crimes Whose Effects Are Still Felt Today

Bestselling podcast hosts bring history's most shocking crimes to the page

A fresh, accessible look at the roots of violence and their relevance today

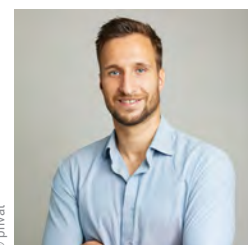


Hannes Liebrandt, Niklas Fischer
Crimes Scenes Throughout History – Historical Crimes Whose Effects Are Still Felt Today

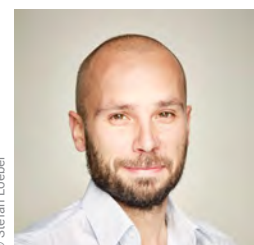
320 pages
 October 2026
 with b/w photographs

Genre: Non-Fiction, History, Crime / Thriller / Suspense

From Alexander the Great to World War II: true stories of power, murder and violence. How do people become murderers? Why do political conflicts escalate into wars, pogroms and bloody uprisings? And what consequences arise, often centuries later? Using ten cases, Hannes Liebrandt and Niklas Fischer guide us through crime scenes from antiquity to the present day and clarify these questions. We learn why Alexander the Great killed one of his closest companions, how the Medici family fell victim to numerous assassination attempts and why the Hungarian Elisabeth Báthory became known as the "Blood Countess". Each chapter also sheds light on its era, explaining how acts of violence are facilitated by ideologies or technological progress – and what societies do to counter them.



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Hannes Liebrandt, born in 1985, studied History, German Studies, Political Science, Sociology and Education in Bayreuth and Berlin. He earned his PhD at the Chair of Modern History at the University of Bayreuth and is currently working on his habilitation thesis at LMU Munich.

Niklas Fischer, born in 1981, studied History, German Studies, Political Science, Sociology and Education in Bayreuth and Berlin. He earned his PhD at the Chair of Didactics of History and Public History at LMU Munich.

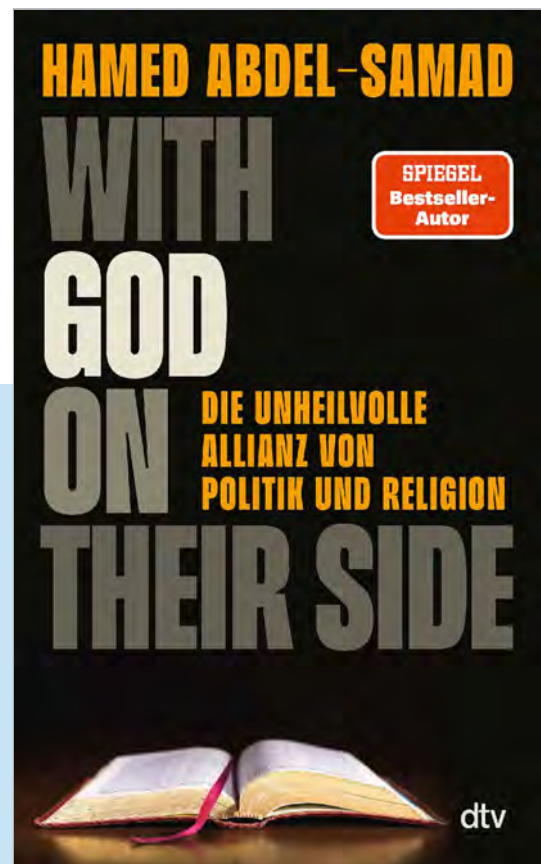
Hamed Abdel-Samad: With God on Their Side – The Sinister Alliance of Politics and Religion

- Germany's leading critic of religion tackles a thorny and internationally-relevant issue that simply has not garnered enough attention until now
- For readers of Yuval Noah Harari, Richard David Precht and Richard Dawkins

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The alliance of power and religion is putting liberal democracies under global pressure. Authoritarian governments around the world are joining forces with fundamentalist movements. This is not a new development in the Islamic world. More surprising is the extent to which Putin's invasion of Ukraine is supported by the Russian Orthodox Church. The developments in the US are also shocking. Xi Jinping has secured power in Beijing with the help of Confucianism, while Netanyahu governs with the support of orthodox deputies. Right-wing populists and anti-liberal religious groups are also joining forces in Europe.

Hamed Abdel-Samad's new book is a disturbing inventory showing clearly that the legacy of Enlightenment – the separation of power and religion – is not only being reversed but is coming to an end.



Hamed Abdel-Samad
With God on Their Side – The Sinister Alliance of Politics and Religion
 336 pages
 October 2026

Genre: Non-Fiction, Philosophy / Religion, Society / Politics

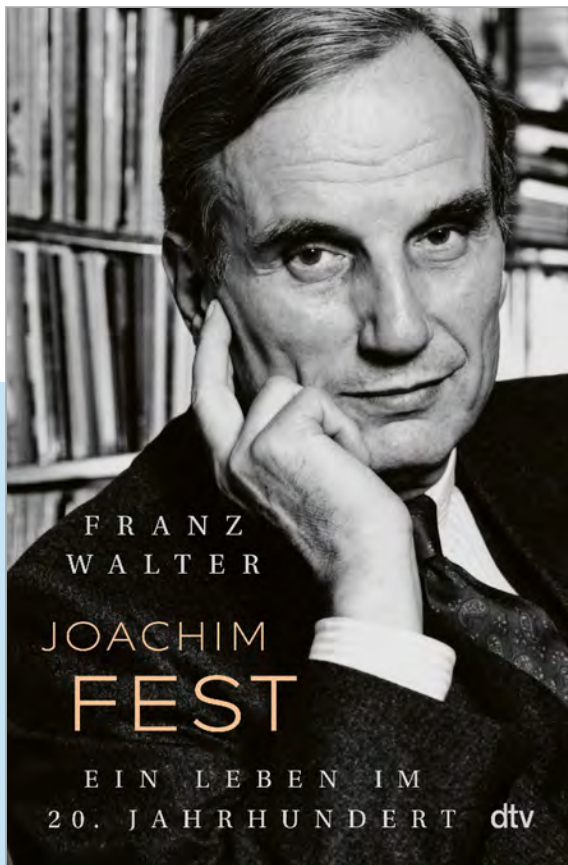


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Hamed Abdel-Samad studied English, French, Japanese and Political Science. He has worked for UNESCO and held a professorship in Islamic Studies at the University of Erfurt and at the Institute for Jewish History and Culture at the University of Munich. As a result of his taboo-breaking autobiography an official fatwa was placed on him in 2013. Since then, he has lived under permanent police protection.

Franz Walter: Joachim Fest – A Twentieth-Century Life

- With excerpts from the unpublished estate, including correspondence: the narrative biography of one of the most influential journalists
- To coincide with Joachim Fest's 100th birthday in December 2026



Franz Walter
Joachim Fest – A Twentieth-Century Life
 720 pages
 October 2026
 with b/w photographs
Genre: Non-Fiction, Biography / Memoir

'Hitler', Speer and the historians' debate
 Joachim Fest was one of West Germany's great intellectuals, member of the Flak generation, best-selling author and editor-in-chief of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. Yet he always saw himself as a loner, resistant to the whims of trends and the spirit of the times. He clashed with Jürgen Habermas, Günter Grass and Walter Jens. And he worked tirelessly at fashioning himself as last in a long line of bourgeois traditionalists, diverting attention from his social ascent from modest beginnings. Initially a nonconformist, he eventually became a conservative and life-long opponent of the 1968 generation. Franz Walter, a political scientist and historian, had access to his entire estate, including all of Fest's letters. On this basis and thanks to other archival findings, he was able not only to paint a portrait of Joachim Fest but of West-German intellectualism.



Franz Walter, born in 1956, was a professor of Political Science and the director of the Institute for Democracy Research at the University of Göttingen until 2017. His research focuses on the history of political milieus, parties, youth movements and the significance of charisma in politics. He has also published articles in the *SPIEGEL*, *FAZ*, *taz*, *DIE ZEIT* and *SZ*.

Katrin Hörnlein: The Schnabels – Mum, Dad and 17 Children

- Through one family's story, a fresh perspective on postwar West-German society
- Built from over 1,000 pages of interviews, combining rigorous research with compelling storytelling
- For readers of Ewald Frie and Sabine Bode

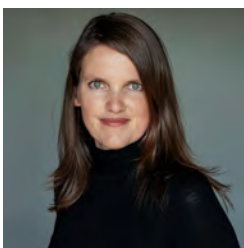
An unforgettable portrait of an exceptional family and a story of solidarity and sacrifice. With seventeen children, the Schnabels were an exception even by the standards of old West Germany. Many things in their everyday life were out of the ordinary, such as how they managed to live in a small flat, the mountains of food they required and how the older children cared for and helped bring up their siblings. At the same time, many things were typical of West-German families between the 1950s and 1980s: The father was the breadwinner, the mother a housewife, the children roamed the streets unsupervised and the mother increasingly sought her own independence.

ZEIT reporter Katrin Hörnlein tells the fascinating story of a remarkable family – almost en passant presenting us with a slice of West-German history.



Katrin Hörnlein
The Schnabels – Mum, Dad and 17 Children
 240 pages
 October 2026
 with 4c photographs

Genre: Non-Fiction, Biography / Memoir



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Katrin Hörnlein, born in 1977, is a reporter for the weekly newspaper *DIE ZEIT*, where she is the editor for children's and young adult literature and inter alia organises the *Children's and Young Adult Book Prize*.

Laethisia Schimek: Come Back Happier – My Journey from Near-Death Experience to World-Class Ranking

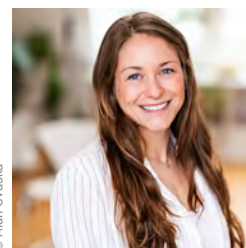
- Clawing back life after a near-death experience – and getting to the top ranks of athletics
- Encourages readers to draw new strength from setbacks with practical tips for your own mental strength



Laethisia Schimek
Come Back Happier – My Journey from Near-Death Experience to World-Class Ranking
 224 pages
 October 2026
Genre: Non-Fiction, Biography / Memoir

What matters more in life than living?

A minor sports injury turned into a disaster for inline speed skater Laethisia Schimek when an error was made in her medical treatment. Following a collapsed lung and internal bleeding, she was on the brink of death. Even after her hospital stay, she was plagued by breathing problems and panic attacks. But then, she fought her way back to the top. Eight months after her traumatic injury, Laethisia finished third in the 500-metre race at the European Championships and subsequently became the World Games champion in 2022. This is a first-hand account about drawing new strength from a crisis and on what a near-death encounter can teach us about life.



© Alan Ovaska

Laethisia Schimek, born in 1992, is a German inline speed skater who specializes in sprint distances. She is a multiple German and European champion and won the gold medal at the World Games in 2022.

Beatrix Gerstberger: No Time to Say Goodbye – Living on after His Death

- The moving story of Beatrix Gerstberger's untimely loss of her partner and the fates of other young widows
- Her time in Maine inspired her international bestseller *'The Lobster Women'* and the sequel *'The Lobster Years'*



About the profound loss, which led the author of *'The Lobster Women'* to Maine
Beatrix Gerstberger was six months pregnant when her partner died. Gabriel Grüner, a journalist for the magazine *stern*, was shot and killed in Kosovo three days after the war had ended. In order to come to terms with the unimaginable, she took her young son to the coast of Maine. There she wrote her bestselling memoir *'No Time to Say Goodbye'*, which not only recounts her own journey back to life but also tells the stories of seven other young widows she met and interviewed.



Beatrix Gerstberger
No Time to Say Goodbye – Living on after His Death
176 pages
August 2026
First published in 2003

Genre: Biography / Memoir, Non-Fiction



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Beatrix Gerstberger, born in 1964, is a freelance author for various magazines. Since first publishing her memoir about the untimely death of her partner, she has written further novels and become an internationally acclaimed author.

Marianne Koch: »Being Brave!« – Memories of an Adventurous 95 Years

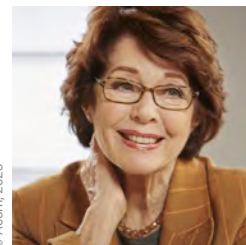
- From movie star to doctor: the extraordinary life of a woman who excelled in very different worlds
- A unique first-hand account of decades of social change
- Total print-run of Marianne Koch at dtv: over 900,000 copies



Marianne Koch
»Being Brave!« – Memories of an Adventurous 95 Years
 144 pages
 August 2026
 with 4c and b/w photographs
Genre: Non-Fiction, Biography / Memoir

»I'm getting on a bit. But so far things have gone pretty well.«

Courage, confidence, self-assurance: All these things are characteristic of Marianne Koch. They are qualities she learned from her mother, who brought her up in a single-parent household. She didn't meet her father – Rudolf Schindler, a Jewish doctor who was forced to emigrate – until she was an adult. By then, she had left medical school to become an actress, and her film career had taken her to Hollywood. Yet medicine remained her passion, and after divorcing the father of her sons – a period of major upheaval in her life – she resumed her studies. She worked as a specialist in internal medicine, while remaining a media presence. In this book, she offers us an insight into various episodes of her rich and eventful life. In looking back, Marianne Koch gifts the reader an uplifting memoir about courage, self-determination and embracing new beginnings at every stage of life.



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Marianne Koch, born in 1931, gave up her international film career in order to resume her medical studies. For decades, she practised as an internist and worked as a medical journalist with her own radio programme as well as being a prolific author for many years. Marianne Koch has been honoured numerous times for her work, thus receiving the *Paracelsus Medal* in 2019 (the highest honour granted by the German Medical Association) and the *Federal Cross of Merit (Bundesverdienstkreuz)* in 2023.

Tülin Sezgin: Almanci Girl – How I Taught Myself to Be German

- A powerful, humorous exploration of identity between cultures
- A rising comedic voice who brings stereotypes to life – and dismantles them

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How can she be so German?

‘Imitation of a German’ – that’s what Tülin’s mother calls herself, even after more than fifty years in Germany. Tülin, born in Neukölln, Berlin, has been grappling with similar questions ever since childhood: How German can – or must – I be? There are no true answers in this search for identity. For Tülin, it’s a constant balancing act: In Germany, she’s the Berlin-based second-generation migrant; in Turkey, she’s the Almanci girl. With humour and a keen insight into human nature, Tülin describes the moments that have shaped her, strengthened her or even wounded her, sharpening her eye for personality, idiosyncrasy and cliché. Her job as a civil servant (how very German!) completes the picture: As a comedian, Tülin transforms stereotypes into flesh-and-blood characters, enthraling her audiences on Instagram as well as on stage.



Tülin Sezgin
Almanci Girl – How I Taught Myself to Be German
 240 pages
 August 2026

Genre: Non-Fiction, Biography / Memoir



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Tülin Sezgin, born in Neukölln, Berlin, is a woman of many talents: Originally trained in hotel management, she has also worked as an event manager and occasionally as a flight attendant. She studied Public Administration and has worked in the civil service. In 2023, she left her job to work as a comedian.

Eckart von Hirschhausen: Finding Your Footing, One Laugh at a Time

- This book picks up where other guidebooks leave off
- Hirschhausen debunks myths and shows us what science, first-hand accounts and everyday life teach us about mental well-being
- Total print-rund of Eckart von Hirschhausen at dtv: over 470,000 copies

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Eckart von Hirschhausen
Finding Your Footing, One Laugh at a Time
 ca. 352 pages
 December 2026
 with 4c photographs

Genre: Nature / Knowledge, Self Help / Psychology,
 Non-Fiction

For anyone who'd rather laugh than lose their mind

It's maddening: The world is changing so fast that our souls can barely keep up. How do we cope with this? Eckart von Hirschhausen offers no ready-made solutions, but ideas; no advice, but inspiration on mental health, a topic that has always been at the core of his books. He speaks with experts and those affected, combining new insights with everyday observations, whilst adopting different perspectives. A treasure trove brimming with mental resilience. In this book, the author combines humour, science and mental health – in his own unique way.



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Eckart von Hirschhausen, M.D., was born in 1967 and is Germany's best known general practitioner. He is one of the most successful non-fiction authors and works for several charities and foundations. Eckart von Hirschhausen has his own TV-shows as well as a national health magazine.

Backlist



Eckart von Hirschhausen
The Penguin Story – A Story of Life, Love and Happiness
 168 pages
 February 2025

Licenses sold: English North
 America Rights, France, Italy,
 Korea, PR China, Slovak Republic,
 Spain, Taiwan

Tanja Köhler: It's Never Too Late to Say Thank You – A Story About a Small Word and Its Huge Impact

Where storytelling meets psychological depth: life lessons from bestselling author Tanja Köhler

Contains questions for reflection and exercises

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One small word has the power to change your life

A woman sits on a bench, looking out over the expanse of her homeland. As a child, she often visited this place with her father and marvelled at the beauty of the landscape – today, it's where she is searching for answers. A pen and notepad sit in her lap. Her father will soon turn 85, and she is organising a surprise party for him as a big thank you for everything he's done. But the task proves to be more difficult than expected, and it is only through conversations with friends, family and companions, that she realises gratitude is more than a feeling: It's an attitude that sets free reconciliation, peace and closeness. By turns warm-hearted, humorous and profound, this book reminds us of the healing powers of gratitude before the end of life.



Tanja Köhler
**It's Never Too Late to Say Thank You – A Story About
 a Small Word and Its Huge Impact**
 208 pages
 December 2026

Genre: Non-Fiction, Self Help / Psychology



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Tanja Köhler, born in 1968, lives near Rottweil. As a certified psychologist and *SPIEGEL* bestselling author, she loves conversations with friends and long hikes with her dog. Her motto in life is: "I wasn't born to be the way others would like me to be".

Cindy-Adriana Speich: I'll Build Myself a World – Where Men Won't Have a Say

- An entertaining and humorous look at patriarchal structures
- Connects the topics of home renovation and female self-empowerment in an approachable and understandable way
- For readers of Tara-Louise Wittwer and Rebekka Endler

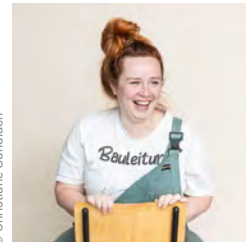


Cindy-Adriana Speich
I'll Build Myself a World – Where Men Won't Have a Say
 208 pages
 October 2026

Genre: Non-Fiction, Society / Politics

A young woman renovates her house – and the men freak out

Shortly after buying a derelict house, Cindy wedged her filthy mobile phone between a can of Red Bull and the mess of her construction site, pressed record and started talking. Today, she is watched by over a million people. Back then, she didn't suspect that a woman picking up a drill could be such a provocation for a surprising number of men. Since then, Cindy has been subjected to condescension, criticism and hatred coming from a certain group of men who feel threatened. With dry humour and without mincing her words, Cindy shows how women are belittled as soon as they take up space – on the construction site, at the family table or in their everyday life as mothers. And why "just getting on with it" is sometimes a radical act.



Cindy-Adriana Speich, a trained hairdresser and mother of two, renovated a house lined up for demolition, together with her husband – and without any prior knowledge. But it quickly became clear that the house wasn't the only construction site. A woman wielding power tools provokes certain people and shows how prevalent outdated gender roles are. She responds to the hatred she received with unvarnished content and construction site comedy and now inspires over a million people.

Eva Wittenberg: Maman, I Have a Wackelzahn – Raising Children Multilingually

- Packed with anecdotes, relatable and easy to understand
- Based on current studies in linguistics, psychology and cognitive science
- Eva Wittenberg is a linguistics professor and mother of two trilingual children

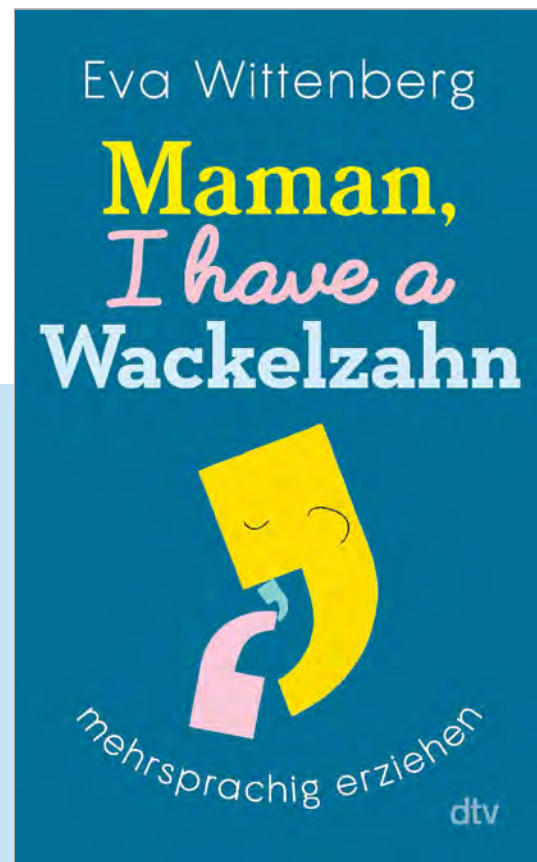
Multilingualism is useful, but above all it is a gift

Multilingualism is one of those rare gifts the value of which can't be measured – practical, emotional, deeply personal and worth more than money can buy. Many parents would love to give their children this gift, which is why millions and millions of children everywhere grow up bi- or multilingually. But what exactly is a multilingual child? What is the best way to raise children to be multilingual? Does multilingualism cause problems for their schooling? What if the child refuses to learn one of the languages? Is it harmful for a child to acquire two or even three languages at a time? And what if a parent can only tell off their child in their native language?



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Eva Wittenberg is a professor of Linguistics in Vienna. She explores how people understand language and conceives experiments in behaviour, eye movements and brainwaves to trace the path from linguistic signals to thoughts and inner images. She teaches linguistics, language acquisition, psychological and social dimensions of language and multilingualism, among other things.



Eva Wittenberg
Maman, I Have a Wackelzahn – Raising Children Multilingually
 304 pages
 August 2026

Genre: Non-Fiction, Self Help / Psychology

Berit Hullmann: Understanding ADHD – Without Losing Your Mind as a Family

- Practical help for parents of children with ADHD with plenty of tips for everyday life
- For readers of *'The Explosive Child'* by Ross W. Greene and *'How Not to Murder your ADHD Kid'* by Sarah Templeton

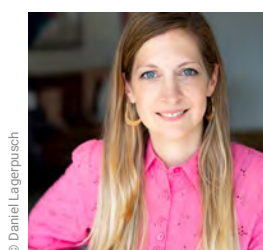


Berit Hullmann
Understanding ADHD – Without Losing Your Mind as a Family
 272 pages
 August 2026

Genre: Non-Fiction, Self Help / Psychology

Humour, heart and help – the frank family guide to ADHD

ADHD never affects just one person – it takes up space in the whole family, producing noise and laughter, tears and rage. When the breakfast table becomes a battlefield and homework a test of courage, what helps is not perfectionism but understanding. Berit Hullmann tells honest and warm-hearted stories about living with her family's ADHD – stories featuring headphones in elevator shafts, impulsive outbursts and moments when affection is the strongest medicine. She explains what lies behind the diagnosis of ADHD and reveals how parents can learn to balance despair with tenderness. This book is a first-aid kit for everyone stuck in the chaos ADHD creates. And it helps parents support their children – without losing their minds.



Berit Hullmann, born in 1981, is a journalist and mother of two daughters. Her successful blog *Babyleaks* explored the highs and lows of motherhood. She also wrote a widely read series for the *SPIEGEL* about her older daughter's ADHD diagnosis.

Anne Fleck: Healthy! – Healthy and Fit for a Lifetime

- Practical and interactive: self-tests, life hacks and crib sheets for doctor's appointments
- Based on new scientific insights into preventing common diseases such as diabetes, dementia, cancer etc.
- Total print-run of Dr. Anne Fleck at dtv: over 370,000 copies

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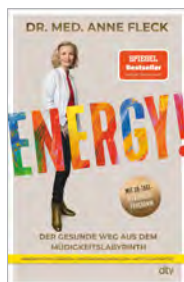
Because it's never too late to live healthily – the book for everyone who does not only want to know WHAT they should do, but also WHY Your body is a marvel – and this book shows you how to protect it. 'HEALTHY!' takes you on a fascinating journey through seven key body systems: Drawing on sound scientific evidence whilst keeping things down-to-earth, Dr Anne Fleck explains how your organs work together, which early warning signs you should take seriously and which silent health hazards lurk in our modern daily lives. 'HEALTHY!' is a hands-on book – encouraging the reader to make small changes, step by step – with big impact.



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Anne Fleck, M.D., internist and rheumatologist, is an expert in the field of preventative and nutritional medicine. She is considered a pioneer in holistic health care and makes regular appearances on TV.

Backlist



Anne Fleck
Energy! – Escaping Fatigue in a Healthy Way
432 pages
January 2023

Licenses sold: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Latvia, PR China, Spain, The Netherlands



Anne Fleck
The Five Minute-Energy!-Book
256 pages
November 2021

Licenses sold: France (Actes Sud)



Anne Fleck, Katharina Fleck (Ill.)
Healthy! – Healthy and Fit for a Lifetime
416 pages
November 2026
with 4c illustrations

Genre: Non-Fiction, Self Help / Psychology

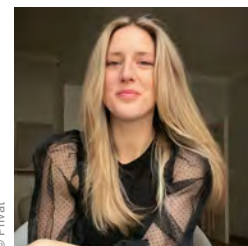
Stella Schultner: Fall in Love with the Good Guys – Finally Find the Love You’ve Been Longing For

- Tired of swiping? Helpful tips and proven methods from Schultner’s successful *Love Coaching* approach on how to escape dating burnout
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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 having been 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, thereby increasing the chances to find the good guys we all deserve.



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Stella Schultner studied Psychology in Munich. Stella Schultner has been part of the Parship team of experts since 2023. She is known as an expert on television and in the national press. In addition to her work as a coach and consultant, she is completing a master's degree in Psychology.

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Peggi Rudischhauser was born in the GDR and grew up as a nature-loving child in Germany's Ore Mountains. She worked as self-employed corporate event manager in Cologne for almost 25 years. These days, she's a wild mushroom identification expert living in an old house at the end of the woods and sharing her fascination for the realm of fungi on social media (@macshroomster).



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Albrecht Vorster: Brain Health – How to Keep Our Brain Young, Healthy and Strong



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Your brain check-up at home
 The brain is the most important organ – and its health is paramount for our quality of life. However, two in three Germans will suffer from a brain disease like migraine, dementia, tinnitus or multiple sclerosis during their lifetime. But here's the good news: These diseases can be prevented. And that's where neurobiologist Dr Albrecht Vorster comes in. His book is a tutorial for recognising the dangers that threaten our brain and keeping it in good health. He explains why movement is more important than solving sudoku, why sleep is so essential and how our social connections protect our brain. A smart, workable plan for those who want to stay fit for longer.

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