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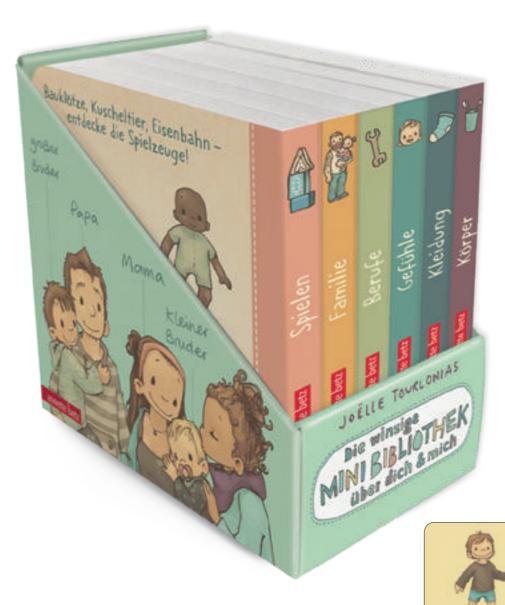


Joëlle Tourlonias, born in Hanau in 1985, studied visual communication at the Bauhaus University Weimar, specialising in illustration and painting. She went freelance in 2009 and now draws and lives in the countryside near Frankfurt am Main.

#### The Tiny Mini Library About You & Me

Body, feelings, games, jobs, clothes and family - in six charming board book volumes allowing children to explore the world around them.

A beautiful boxed set of 6 mini board books to discover, learn, and enjoy again and again!



- Adorable mini format perfect for little hands and on-the-go fun
- Warm, endearing illustrations support emotional development and encourage vocabulary building
- 60.000 copies sold of the series

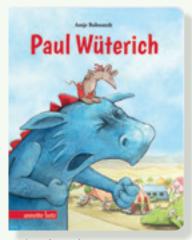
Joëlle Tourlonias The Tiny Mini Library About You & Me

18 pages per volume Board book  $9,5 \times 9,5 \text{ cm}$ 



## Colorful and Timeless -**Our Board Books**





**Antje Bohnstedt Paul the Grumpy** 

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**Ulla Mersmeyer** The Crumbles - Hello Baby, Ready, Steady, Go!

22 pages Board book 17 × 21 cm

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**Ulla Mersmeyer** The Crumbles - Today I have got Raccoon Rage!

22 pages Board book 17 × 21 cm

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Madlen Ottenschläger **Binky is Moving Out** 

24 pages Board book 20 × 21 cm

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Cornelia Boese studied music and spent many years working as an opera prompter, children's concert speaker, and stage oruck to Stockholm. Today, she lives as a freelance poet in her hometown of Würzburg, writing cheerful rhyming books for both children and adults.



Greta Wagener, born in 1993, grew up near Siegen and discovered her love for stories and illustrations early on. She studied illustration in Münster,

Laura Bednarski, born in 1992, is originally from the Ruhr area. After studying in Münster, she and went on to complete a master's degree in book illustration in Hamburg.

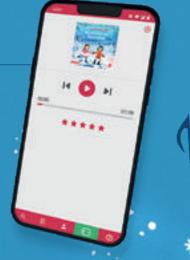
### The New Board Book Series with Music

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With music and audiobook – available in the MuBiBu app!









The audiobook is narrated by Josefine Preuß



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#### My Musical Fairy Tales — Hansel and Gretel

# Meine Musikmärchen Cornelia Boese & Greta Wagener

Accompanying audiobook with music and text, for streaming and download:

Orchestra: Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra Speaker: Josefine Preuß Playing time: approx. 20 Minutes

Fairy tales have fascinated children for centuries: when two brave siblings discover the gingerbread house and outwit the witch, when Clara and the Nutcracker face the Mouse King and dance in the Sugar Plum Fairy's castle, when good triumphs and the evil spell is broken!

But it's not just children who let their imaginations run wild – composers do too, inspired by these beloved stories. Think Engelbert Humperdinck and Adelheid Wette with their children's opera Hansel and Gretel, and Peter Tchaikovsky with his ballet "The Nutcracker".

In this book series, children can experience famous fairy tales with all their senses through enchanting illustrations, playful rhymes, and magical

My Musical Fairy Tales -The Nutcracker and the Mouse King



**Board book** 

Accompanying audiobook with music and text, for streaming and download:

Orchestra: Staatskapelle Dresden Speaker: Josefine Preuß Playing time: approx. 20 Minutes



- These musical fairy tales introduce children to the world of classical music
- Available for streaming and download in the MuBiBu app

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## **Magical Picture Books for** the Winter Season \*



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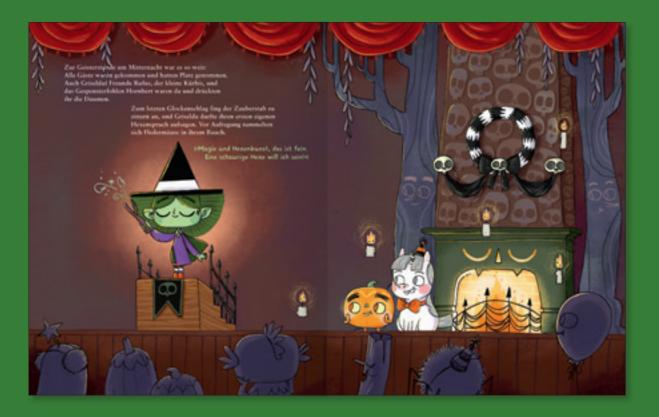
**Picture book** 

#### Griselda and the Spirit of Christmas

Griselda is excited to finally have her very own magic wand! But instead of spooky spells, she creates tinsel, presents, and a Christmas tree ... she even makes it snow! Griselda is puzzled. So, her friends Rufus the pumpkin and Hornbert the ghost horse rush to help. But even they can't master Griselda's powerful magic.

A spirit then appears – one who knows all about Christmas. He shows them what the holiday is really about and that Griselda's magic is truly special.

A heartwarming story about the true magic of Christmas!



#### Tip



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Robert Scheffner was born in 1985 and studied visual communication, focusing on illustration and animation, in Frankfurt. In 2010, he became a freelance artist and now draws, crafts, and writes in a small town near Frankfurt am Main.



- Halloween meets Christmas: the perfect picture book for spooky-fun holidays
- Shows: Everyone is good just the way they are!
- A new spooky and funny story featuring Rufus, **Hornbert & friends**

#### Robert Scheffner

**Griselda and the Spirit of Christmas** 

32 pages Hardcover 24 × 30 cm

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**Picture book** 

#### Two Sulking in the Snow

Snowman Schorsch and Snow Rabbit Holm are having a fight, even though they're best friends. What started as a great idea – a snow Olympics! – turned into a big quarrel. Both want to be the winner. But as Schorsch and Holm sit sulking in the snow, they feel sad ... and realize that making up after a fight isn't always easy. With a little courage and imagination, they come back together and share a big surprise at the end.

A heartwarming winter story about true friendship!



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Two Sniffling in the Snow

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Marine Ludin was born in Paris and grew up in the south of France. She studied graphic design at the art school in Nancy and illustration in Hamburg. Today she is a freelance illustrator and lives in Westphalia.



- A humorous picture book about fighting, sulking, and making up
- Gently shows children: saying sorry and making peace takes courage!
- Picture book artist Marine Ludin brings audience favorites Schorsch and Holm to life with warmth and charm

Jan Kaiser / Marine Ludin Two Sulking in the Snow

32 pages Hardcover 21,5 × 27,5 cm



#### The Traveling Birdie

Little bird, big adventure: For the very first time, it wants to take the train instead of flying. What a new experience! Do you need a ticket? Can you walk around while the train is moving? And where do you find food on board?

The birdie admires the passing landscape, discovers the dining car, meets lots of other animal passengers, and gathers new impressions along the way. And that's what a journey is all about, isn't it?

A charming introduction to train travel – through the eyes of a curious little bird



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Lisa Tyukodi-Tengler / Diana Kohne Even Shells Like to Cuddle

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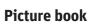












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- A humorous rhyming story all about traveling by train
- Richly detailed illustrations full of fun things to discover
- Includes an exclusive song: Out of the Nest and Into the World

Stefan Honig / Laura Tschorn The Traveilling Birdie

32 pages Hardcover 27 × 27 cm

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#### Picture book

#### Swamp Cow! Skunk! Four-Eyes Snake! - A Roaring Tale About the Power of Words

Azra loves playing in the sandbox – until Benedikt calls her a swamp cow. And suddenly, something strange happens: she actually turns into a cow! How embarrassing! Niam and Sophia have changed too – they've each been turned into animals by mean names. But the three kids come up with a clever idea: they turn the hurtful words into something positive and transform each other into a wise sorceress, a fierce dragon, and a powerful tiger. Together, they bravely reclaim the sandbox – and discover that Benedikt may not be exactly who he seems either...

An empowering story about the strength of words – and the courage of kids







Gundi Herget has shaped her life around words: as a child, she was a constant visitor at the local library and tried her hand at writing early on. She went on to study literature and train as an editor. Today, she writes books especially for children. To balance out the quiet of writing, she plays drums in a rock band.



Anna Galitskaya lives in Bavaria with her husband and two daughters. An experience philologist and economist, she turned her passion for drawing into a profession and now works successfully as an illustrator with publishers in Germany and abroad. When she's not drawing, she enjoys taking trips, photography, and playing the violin.



- An empowering picture book about the power of words
- A relatable topic for all families and preschools: conflict and name-calling on the playground
- Shows children how words can hurt but also how they can uplift and support

Gundi Herget / Anna Galitskaya Swamp Cow! Skunk! Four-Eyes Snake! A Roaring Tale about the Power of Words

32 pages Hardcover 21,5 × 27,5 cm

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Picture book

#### Mouse Courage

Stanislav the mouse lives in a cozy cheese house – he has everything he needs, except for one thing: company. Making friends would probably be easy ... if only he dared to leave his house. But no – the world outside is far too dangerous! Then one day, the brave Martha discovers the cheese house, and the two become friends. They share cheese and the lovely view. But when a stormy night puts Martha in danger, Stanislav must make a choice: will he find the courage to step out into the world to save her?

A charming picture book about timid mice and finding bravery within yourself



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Michaell Engler / Joëlle Tourlonias A Tiger Like Me

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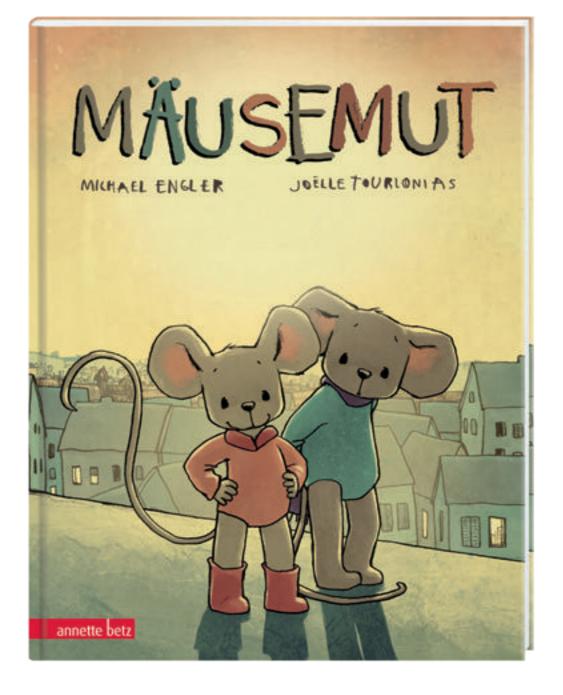


Michael Engler writes plays, audio dramas, and books. His picture books, including the popular Elefantastisch series and A Funny Bird, are loved by children and adults alike and have been translated into many languages. Michael Engler lives in Düsseldorf.



Joëlle Tourlonias, born in Hanau in 1985, studied visual communication at the Bauhaus University Weimar, specialising in illustration and painting. She went freelance in 2009 and now draws and lives in the countryside near Frankfurt am Main.





- A story about being afraid and finding courage
- Gently helps children take brave steps and explore the world
- From the beloved bestselling duo Michael Engler & Joëlle Tourlonias

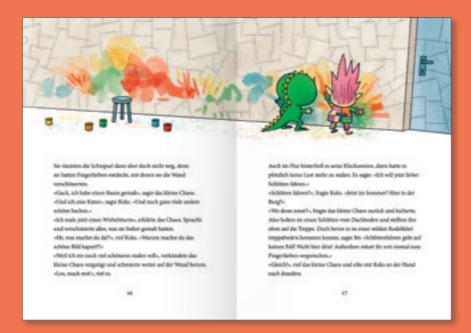
Michael Engler / Joëlle Tourlonias **Mouse Courage** 

32 pages Hardcover 21,5 × 27,5 cm

#### A Knight Named Rust

There's always something happening at the Iron Castle and in the Enchanted Forest: when little Chaos visits and befriends the dragon Koks, or when Knight Rust heroically jumps to the rescue during a kitchen drama instead of lounging on the sofa ... things get rusty, fast, and really funny!

A read-aloud book with six adventurous and delightfully quirky stories from the Iron Castle



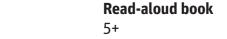




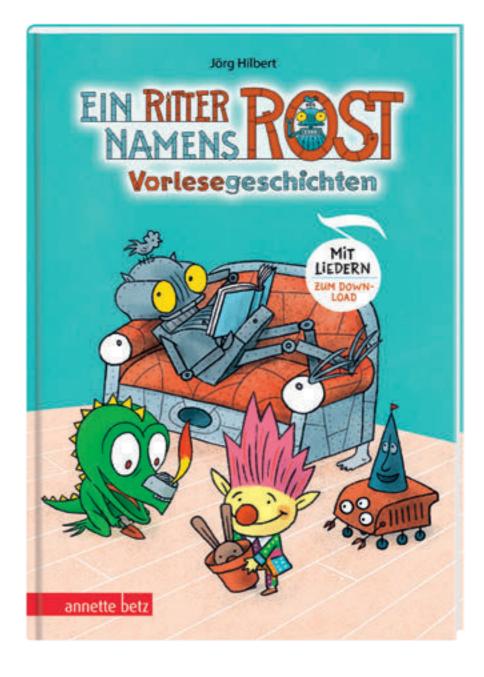
Jörg Hilbert studied commufreelance author and illustrator are also among the most beloved



Felix Janosais a cabaret artist,



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- New from the world of Knight Rust: a readaloud book perfect for cozy, fantastic sofa afternoons
- Over 2 million Knight Rust products sold
- Includes 6 fabulous songs from the Enchanted Forest for streaming and download in the MuBiBu app

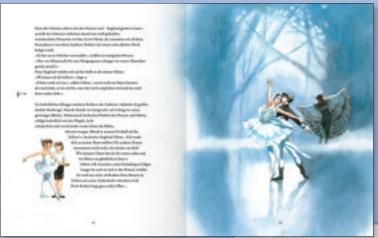
Jörg Hilbert / Felix Janosa **A Knight Named Rust** 

64 pages Hardcover 17 × 24 cm

#### Musical Ballet Magic - Swan Lake, Cinderella, The Fairy Doll

Curtain up, ballet magic on: this treasured picture book invites children into grand worlds of dance and sound! When a full orchestra joins the enchanting words and illustrations, kids can experience the magic of a ballet performance up close. Dance with Odette on the moonlit Swan Lake, follow Cinderella's fate in Prokofiev's fairy tale ballet, and join the dreamy dance party in the toy shop of the Fairy Doll. These great masterpieces are beautifully retold for children.

For ballet magic at home: three high-quality musical picture books in one volume!











Susa Hämmerle / Anna Severynovska **My First Ballet Book** 

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Accompanying audiobook with music and text, for streaming and download:

Orchestra: WDR Sinfonieorchester Köln u.a.

Speaker: Marko Simsa, Dietmar Wunder u.a.

Playing time: approx. 174 Minutes



- Three famous ballet classics in one volume the perfect gift!
- A treasured picture book with special features and top-quality music
- Accompanying audiobooks with music available for streaming in the MuBiBu app

Marko Simsa / Doris Eisenburger / Kristina Dumas / Elisa Vavouri / Maria Bogade, Laura Rosendorfer

Musical Ballet Magic - Swan Lake, Cinderella, The Fairy Doll

96 pages Hardcover 24 × 30 cm

Playing time approx. 174 min.

#### My First Book About the Orchestra

Lina is excited: she gets to accompany her uncle Theo, the conductor, to an orchestra rehearsal! All the musicians show Lina their instruments. She's amazed to hear that the violin can even meow and the flute trills like a bird. Even her cat, who got to come along for a change, is impressed!

With Lina and her cat, children learn about the orchestra in a playful way. The accompanying audiobook introduces each instrument with sound samples and text. At the end, the entire orchestra plays together in a grand concert!

The orchestra's instruments: explained with humor, expertise, and child-friendly charm







Marko Simsa has been bringing concerts and theater productions or children to the stage for 25 rears. His work has been showcased at venues including the Vienna Konzerthaus, the Salzburg Festival, and the State Theater Wiesbaden. His books have been translated into twelve languages and have won multiple awards.



Christine Faust was born in 1982 in Magdeburg. She studied game and learning media design and initially worked in animation for film and television before moving toward illustration. Since then, she has illustrated numerous children's books and games. She lives with her family in Magdeburg.



Accompanying audiobook with music and text, for streaming and download:

Orchestra: Camerata Wien Conductor: Erke Duit Speaker: Marko Simsa Playing time: approx. 40 Minutes

• The perfect introduction to the world of orchestral music: experience musical instruments through text, pictures, and sound!

- Previously as Tina and the Orchestra on the market - with over 60.000 copies sold. Now revised and newly illustrated
- Includes the story and sound samples on CD and in the MuBiBu app

Marko Simsa / Christine Faust My First Orchestra Book

40 pages Hardcover 24 × 30 cm

Playing time approx. 40 min.

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#### A Class Full of Superheroes – School Trip with Supervillains!

Oh yes! The little superheroes are heading to the seaside! Oh no – the little supervillains are coming too ... Their teachers, Mr. Schnitt and Ms. Neis, hope the trip will help the kids get along better. But can that really work out?

One thing's for sure: this unusual school trip is anything but boring – thanks to villainous pranks, stubborn tents, and a night hike full of unexpected closeness.

Perfect for the superheroes of tomorrow's reading world!



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A Class Full of Superheroes and the Most Normal Teacher in the World (Vol.1)

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Rüdiger Bertram has been writing funny and serious books for children and young for over fifteen years now. He lives in Cologne with his wife, daughter and a million books.



Dominik Rupp, studied design in Münster and began working with numerous renowned publishing houses while still a student. He now lives in the countryside with his family, drawing inspiration from nature for his illustrations.



Rüdiger Bertram / Dominik Rupp A Class Full of Superheroes -**School Trip with Supervillians!** 

96 pages Hardcover with b/w illustrations 14,8 × 21 cm

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- Long awaited: the hilarious second volume about an extraordinary class
- Short sentences, plenty of illustrations perfect fun for young readers just starting out!
- As "Reading Artist of the Year 2022" author Rüdiger Bertram knows his audience like no other

#### Your Magical Book – Break the Secret Seal

Are you ready for an adventure? Great secrets? Astonishing truths?

Break the seal and join the young elf Milo on his journey into the world of magic – and the discovery of your own hidden powers! Together with this extraordinary book and Milo as their guide, young readers explore the magic of dreams, their own inner strengths, and the meaning of true friendship. While Milo is mentored by the powerful sorceress Pandora, readers are gently guided by the magical book itself – solving riddles, uncovering mysteries, and, above all, gaining courage and confidence along the way.

A playful path to self-discovery!





Self-confidence is like magic: it may be invisible, but it is always there when you believe in it.



Nica Stevens published her fantasy debut through self-publishing and was encouraged by numerous reader to continue writing. Since then, her YA books have been published by a big German publishing house Carlsen, a thriller series cowritten with Andreas Suchanek appears at Heyne, and she has a cozy crime audiobook series on Audible. Your Magical Book is her first children's book.



Kristina Kister began her career as a junior art director at an advertising agency after completing her degree in communication design. Today, she works freelance illustrating children's books, tabletop role-playing games, and developing characters and concepts for TV shows.



Nica Stevens / Kristina Kister Your Magical Book - Break the **Secret Seal** 

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Children's book

- Fantasy that strengthens mindfulness and self-confidence
- A magical adventure full of unexpected twists!
- Includes funny lines, empowering activities, and hidden affirmations



#### The Little Bad Book - Advent Calendar: Wicked and Wintry!

Help! Everything's upside down at the North Pole: the elves are arguing, and Santa's gone on strike. Someone has opened presents, set traps, and thrown all of Christmas into chaos. A mysterious shadow has been spotted - could it be a monster? Clearly, the Little Bad Book and its readers need to step in. But there are only 24 days left until Christmas...

A delightfully tricky holiday adventure for all fans of the Little Bad Book!







Magnus Myst runs an agency for time travels and adventures besides his work as magician. Sometimes he is also a cookie monster. Apart from that, he is a totally normal person, who unfortunately cannot stop to be enthuastic about the miracles of the universe.



Thomas Hussung, studied from 2011 to 2014 communication design in Hamburg. Today he is a freelance illustrator. His favourites are monsters, ghosts and other fabulous creatures.



Magnus Myst / Thomas Hussung The Little Bad Book - Advent Calender: Wicked and Wintry!

128 pages Hardcover with colorful illustrations 14,8 × 21 cm

- Brand new: featuring 24 sealed puzzle pages and an exciting holiday story
- 70.000 copies sold of the previous volume prove it: the meanest and most beloved Advent calendar in children's books!

#### The Little Bad Book 8 - Spooky!

The Little Bad Book has a spectacular plan. With the help of a boy named Edgar, it wants to build a ghost trap! Finally, the Little Bad Book hopes to become a truly spooky haunted book – packed with ghosts! The ritual is tricky, but it works: soon something is wriggling inside the trap ... and getting louder and creepier by the minute. When the ghost breaks free, the reader's help is urgently needed!

A wickedly funny adventure full of eerie puzzles that lead readers crisscrossing through the book



The Little Bad Book 1.500.000 copies sold in the domestic market, 700.000+ copies sold internationally Translated into 19 languages



Magnus Myst / Thomas Hussung The Little Bad Book 8 - Spooky!

160 pages Hardcover with colorful illustrations 14,8 × 21 cm

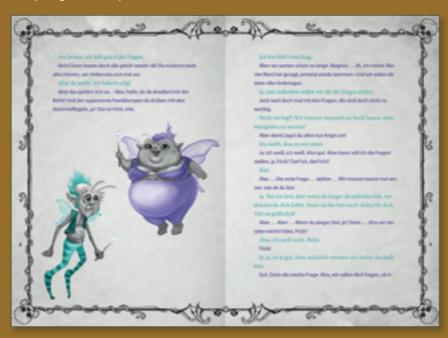
- The latest volume in the Spiegel bestselling series: reading fun for everyone!
- Millions of copies sold the interactive children's book series where every title can be read on its own
- Cool bonus feature: ghost image in embossed print on the back cover!

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#### The Forbidden Bad Book

The mysterious magician Magnus Myst needs help! With the aid of the Forbidden Bad Book, readers must complete challenges, solve riddles, and track down the elusive "Elementar." Along the way, they're joined by Frick and Behti – two chatty, rather unusual fairies. What follows is a breathtaking race against the forces of darkness...

Fair warning: this book won't let you go so easily!





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The Bad Book

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Magnus Myst / Thomas Hussung The Forbidden Bad Book

224 pages Hardcover 16,5 × 24 cm

- Newly illustrated second volume of The Bad Book by Thomas Hussung for the 15th anniversary!
- A fascinating, interactive adventure for readers aged 11 and up

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#### Come In, You've Got This!

Bente has a secret: a door that appears out of nowhere, inviting him into the wildest adventures. Twice already, he's saved his class with its help. And everything involves a talking giant guinea pig named Jet-Sau and Bente's best friend Leonie. When the door appears a third time just before summer break, it's once again all or nothing...

A flip-the-page adventure for those brave enough to take the leap!



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Thomas Brezina was born in 1963. Since 1990, he has and young adult books, as well more than 35 languages.



Timo Grubing, born in 1981,



Thomas Brezina / Timo Grubing Come In, You've Got This!

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- A standalone sequel by bestselling author **Thomas Brezina**
- Innovative flip-book format for maximum reading engagement
- Short sentences and plenty of illustrations on every page

#### The Whispering Forest – The Magical Academy. Trapped on the Mirror Side

Lukas's situation seems hopeless: he's been unwillingly swapped with his evil mirror twin. Now trapped on the mirror side, while his dark twin attends the magical academy alongside Ella. At least Lukas can investigate – and uncovers a terrifying secret: the evil twin plans to keep the portal to the mirror side open permanently. If he succeeds, the mirror twins will take over the magical academy...

Book 3 – the breathless continuation of the third season!

#### Season I & II

























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Andreas Suchanek / Timo Grubing The Whispering Forest - The Magical **Academy. Trapped on the Mirror Side** 

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## Magical Winged Horses, Dark Secrets, and an Incredible Journey





The waves whisper, the wind whispers – the kingdom needs a new royal child.

#### The Destiny of the Moonstone Children

The royal selection has begun: the search for the next child to rule the kingdom. Thirteen-year-old Meelo, a pearl diver afraid of water, sets out to compete – after all, he possesses the coveted moonstone! Though soon, Meelo must question everything he thought he knew about the kingdom's rulers. Together with Ria, a candidate from the winged horse guardians, he uncovers dark lies and intrigues. Can they save their land?

A gripping children's adventure about self-discovery and big dreams!



«Du schaffet dad», hörte Meelo die Stimme seines Bruders, bevor die dunklen Wellen über ihm zusammenschlagen. Das Wasser war eiskalt. Meelo wusste, dass er die Augen öffnen sollte; er wasste, wie er Arme und Beine zu bewegen hatte, um an den Felsen entlangrutauchen. Sein Messer steckte in seinem Gürtel. Er hätte nur schwimmen und eine der Austern, die hier sogar im flachen Wasser an den Steinen klebten, losberchen müssen - und er wäre gewesen wie alle anderen in Wellenriff. Ein Perfentaucher.

Aber das Wasser war schwarz und fünster. Es fasste mit langen, kalten Fingern nach seinem Körper. Moelos Augen wollten sich nicht öffnen und seine Arme funden den Rhythmus nicht. Er schnappte nach Luft, da füllte Wasser seine Lungen und Panik walke in then auf.

Wenigstens sterbe ich im Moer wie ein echter Perlentaucher, dachte er noch - und dann packten ihn starke Hände und zogen the aus den Wellen.

Meelo blieb hustend und spuckend auf den Kieseln am Strand liegen, «Ran?», murmelte er schweratmend.

Aber als er blinzelnd die Augen gegen die graue Sonne zusammenkniff, war es nicht sein Bruder, der dort neben ihm hockte. sondern ein Fremder.

Meelo richtete sich mühsum auf. Der junge Mann, der ihn gerade aus dem Wasser gezogen hatte, hob eine Augenbraue. Seine Stiefel trieften, aber seine Fellweste und sein schwarzes Haar wanen trocken. Moelo hatte offenbar im kniehohen Wasser mit dem Ertrinkungstod gekämpft.

«Wer bist du!», fragte Medo. Seine Wangen brannton vor

Der Fremde lachte. +Ich bin ein Steppenkrieger auf Durchfahrt, der scheinbar zur richtigen Zeit am richtigen Ort war.»

«Ein Steppenkrieger?» Ja, der Mann, der groß war, jedoch kaum dem Jugendalter entwachsen schien, trug einen Säbel im breiten Gärtel, schwere Stiefel und eine schwarze Schafsfellkappe. Ansonsten sah er jedoch nicht so aus, wie Moelo sich einen der benichtigten Krieger vorgestellt hatte.

Ran erschien zwischen den großen Steinen am Ufer. In der Hand hielt er ein Netz mit Austern und Muscheln.

«Ich habe es nicht geschafft», murmelte Meelo, als sein Bruder sie erreicht hatte.

Der Steppenkrieger stemmte tadelnd die Arme in die Hüften. «Ich musste den Jungen gerade aus dem Wasser ziehen! Darf ich fragen, warum er allein in die Floten springt, wenn er offensichtueberreuter

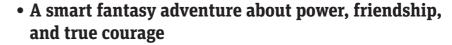
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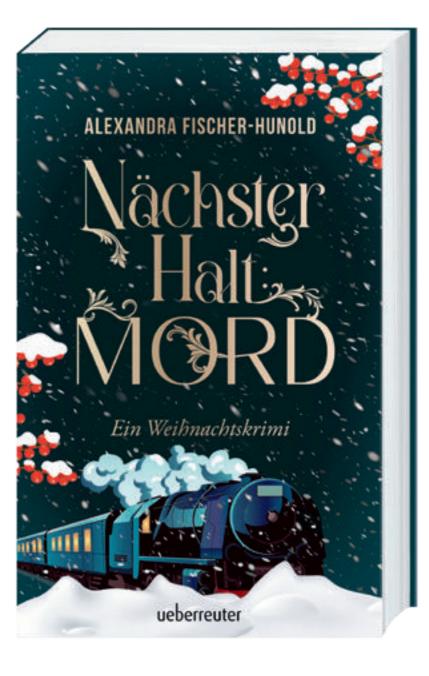


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