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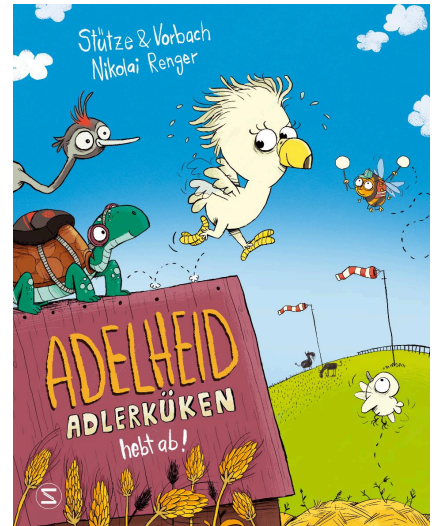
Adelheid Eagle Chick Takes Off

Anyone can fly with the right friends

About the book

Adelheid is afraid of heights. Just looking over the edge of the nest makes her feel dizzy and nauseous. But she would love to simply soar into the air like the other eagles. That's why Mum enrolls her in Mrs Hummel's flying school. Together with Konstantin the crane and Hilda the tortoise (just because you don't have wings doesn't mean you can't try ...), Adelheid starts practising flying. But it is only when a little chick gets into danger that the three flying students surpass themselves. Because together they can do much more than alone!

- **A picture book to discover, with loving details and side stories in the picture**
- **Humorously tells of how to overcome fears together and shows how to overcome them: Not every problem is as big as it seems.**
- **Provides great entertainment, even for adults reading aloud**



Specifications

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Annett Stütze and Britta Vorbach are a children's literature author duo from Frankfurt am Main. Annett Stütze, born in Leipzig in 1973, studied German language and literature and art history. Britta Vorbach was born in Tübingen in 1973 and completed her second state examination to become a primary school teacher. Both initially worked as editors in various publishing houses, travelled the world and tried their hand at paragliding. They have been writing together for more than ten years and have already published over 20 children's books.



Nikolai Renger was born in Karlsruhe and studied Visual Communication at the HFG in Pforzheim. He works as a freelance illustrator for various publishers and agencies and has been working at Atelier Remise in Karlsruhe since 2013. He has been illustrating children's books since 2015.

Nina Speyer, Caroline Opheys (Ill.)

Trine and the Easter bunnies

A cheerful read-aloud story with lots of Easter traditions

About the book

Something is wrong on Easter Island: there are no colourful eggs for miles around, not a single flower is blooming anywhere and there is still snow. So Easter is not going to happen. The Easter Bunny asks Trine for help and she immediately lends a hand to finally attract spring. With her bouncing heart and her good ideas, she helps the bunny children to encourage the hens to lay colourful eggs with imaginative pictures and tries out various Easter traditions. Together they are sure to save Easter!

- With recipe and craft ideas for small and large bunnies



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Further Titles



Nina Speyer
Trine Looks for Snow – an Advent
book to read aloud in 24 chapters
978-3-7488-0078-1
August 2021
128 pages
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Nina Speyer (b. 1979) lives in the Bergisches Land region of Northrhine-Westfalia and works as a coach as well as a yoga teacher/teacher trainer. She's had a love for children's and YA books all her life. In Frankfurt, she studied theater, film, and media; French and French literature; and children's and YA literature research. In Cologne's indie theater scene, she worked as a directorial assistant and in the press and publicity department before devoting herself to her present work.



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Caroline Opheys studied communication design and worked as an art director in the advertising industry before moving into illustrating children's books. She prefers to work digitally, but it is very important to her to preserve a little bit of imperfection in her figures. She lives in Düsseldorf.

Kati Naumann, Barbara Fisinger (Ill.)

The Little Snail Monica Shell - What Do Animals Do At What Time Of Year? (5)

Sleeping, collecting, eating - learning primary school knowledge in a playful way with Monika Häuschen!

About the book

Why do migratory birds travel? Why do lemon butterflies sleep in summer? Why do hedgehogs have to eat so much in autumn? Monika Häuschen the snail, Schorsch the earthworm and Günter the grey goose discover the special features of the animal world in spring, summer, autumn and winter. They also learn what friendship is all about. Because sharing with each other is sometimes just as important as nibbling enough lettuce leaves yourself.

- **Humour and lots of reading fun for pre-school and primary school children**
- **With four-colour illustrations and factual information about native garden animals and plants**
- **Four new adventures of the snail known from the Tonies and radio plays!**



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Kati Naumann
The Little Snail Monica Shell – Why Do Worms Have Superpowers?
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Kati Naumann
The Little Snail Monica Shell – Why Do Snails Fart?
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Kati Naumann
The Little Snail Monica Shell - Why do fireflies flash?
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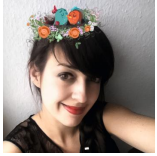


Kati Naumann
The Little Snail Monica Shell - Why do animals disguise? (4)
978-3-7488-0250-1
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Kati Naumann came up with the audio series *Die kleine Schnecke Monika Häuschen*. She has written scripts for children's broadcasts as well as many radio plays, books, and stage plays for children. The best-selling author also writes novels for adults.



Barbara Fisinger was born in Maribor, Slovenia, and studied art education and animation. For many years she has lived in Trier with her husband, two children and cat, Flora. When she's not traveling the world, she loves to draw colorful pictures for readers big and small

Britta Sabbag, Clara Vath (Ill.)

The Dino School - Escape from the Hurricane! (5)

The three island heroes face a stormy challenge

About the book

A new teacher arrives on Sauritius. No need to worry - at least that's what Tom, Onea and Freddy think. But then Mr Grumpy makes life difficult for them. And that's not all: an unknown danger is brewing over the sea. A plan is needed to save the inhabitants and the dinosaurs. But Mr Grumpy, of all people, has disappeared from the face of the earth. And Tom and his friends have to prove once again that courage is not a question of age.

- **Children love the dinosaur school! Our unique and successful series combines dinosaurs and school stories**
- **Suitable for beginners and children with reading difficulties**
- **By bestselling author Britta Sabbag, more volumes planned!**



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The Dino School – No Parents Allowed! (1)
978-3-505-15028-9
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Britta Sabbag
The Dino School – Save Sauritius! (2)
978-3-505-15068-5
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Britta Sabbag
The Dino School – Find the Flying Monster! (3)
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Britta Sabbag
The Dino School - Attention, Volcanic Eruption! (4)
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Britta Sabbag, born in 1978 in Osnabrück, studied linguistics, psychology, and pedagogy. After obtaining her degree she worked in human resources for seven years before she was bitten by the writing bug. Her 2012 debut novel was instantly on the *SPIEGEL* bestseller list. Over 50 books have followed – novels for all ages, young adults and children, as well as picture books. Her best-selling books about Hummel Bommel have become children's classics. Besides books, she also writes children's songs, scripts, and rhymes. In total, she has sold over a million copies since her first publication.



Clara Vath has worked as a free-lance illustrator since 2012. Among other things, she illustrates children's and YA books, and loves their variety as well as the chance to immerse herself in different worlds.

Karin Gothe, Maja Bohn (Ill.)

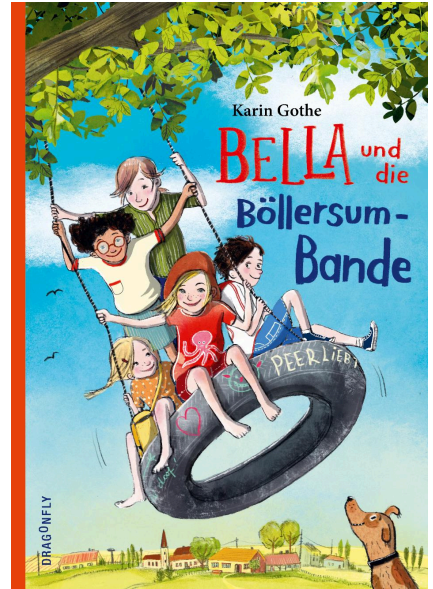
Bella and the Böllersum Gang

An authentically told village story in which the children open the eyes of the adults

About the book

Bella loves her home village of Böllersum. All the children in the village are her friends and in her gang. They have their headquarters in the old excursion pub "Seerose", which has been empty for a long time. But when the mayor announces that the school is to be closed and all the children will be distributed to other schools in the area after the summer holidays, everything threatens to fall apart. Bella and her friends protest, strike, fight and upset the whole village with their creative actions. They are determined to save their school and their gang. But it's not so easy to make the adults realise that you have to stick together in a village.

- **Strong, self-confident heroine fights for her home and a lively village life**
- **A summer adventure in a modern-day Bullerbü for children aged 8 and over**



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Karin Gothe moved from a small village in northern Germany to live in and write about other countries such as France, Tunisia and Egypt. She studied Islamic studies and history and worked as an editor at Deutschlandradio and the Süddeutsche Zeitung. She now works as a freelance journalist and author in Berlin. In 2021, she was a scholarship holder of the Academy for Children's Media and developed the idea for her children's book debut "Bella und die Böllersum-Bande".



© Luca Mader

Maja Bohn was born in Rostock and initially worked as a bookseller and in publishing before beginning her studies at the Berlin Weißensee School of Art. Since graduating, she has worked as a freelance illustrator and author for various children's and non-fiction publishers in Germany and abroad. She lives with her family in Berlin.

Katja Alves, Laura Tschorn (Ill.)

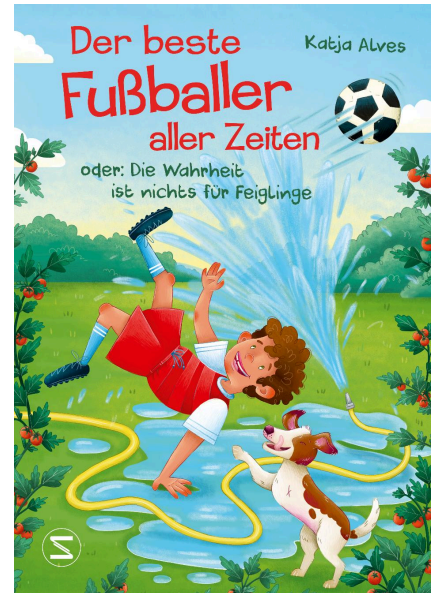
The Best Footballer of all Time or: The truth is not for Cowards

The dream of being a football star - very close!

About the book

10-year-old Philip loves two things more than anything else: his three-legged dog Sam and football. But his mum doesn't want him to start football training before he moves on to secondary school. Philip is annoyed: he doesn't want to wait! He wants to emulate his greatest idol Victor Santos. What luck that his headstrong new neighbour Phoebe supports him. Philip starts training in secret while his mum thinks he's in the school garden. But then he embarks on a dangerous challenge ...

- **Entertaining and humorous reading material for football boys**
- **By the successful author Katja Alves ("The Muffin Club" series), who was nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award 2024**
- **The perfect read for the 2024 European Football Championship**



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Katja Alves, born in Coimbra, Portugal, and raised in Switzerland, worked as a bookseller, player inventor, DJ, radio editor, columnist and editor before she began writing children's novels, theatre plays and radio plays. Today, she is one of Switzerland's best-known children's book authors and has just been nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award 2024. Katja Alves lives and works in Zurich.



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Since studying design at the MSD in Münster, Laura Tschorn has been working as a freelance illustrator in her home town of Lippstadt. With her illustrations, she repeatedly creates characters that make the viewer smile. When Laura Tschorn is not drawing, you can find her snuggled up in a blanket with a cup of coffee or on a long walk through the countryside.

Ellie Mattes, Alina Brost (Ill.)

Finja and Fairy - The Song of the Mermaids (3)

Anything is possible in the land of fantasy

About the book

Finja is finally the official owner of Fairy and as often as she likes, she now rides to Isella through the pearly gate at the mermaid waterfall. Until now, Finja didn't think much of the name, but she is soon surprised by a couple of waterfall mermaids. They are very worried because they haven't heard the water's song for some time. It is played by their relatives, the spring mermaids in Isella. Can Finja and Fairy help them?

- **Continuation of the enchanted horse series for dreamers aged 8 and over**
- **With friendship and imagination you can do anything!**
- **Lavishly illustrated in four colours and perfect for reading to yourself for the first time**



Specifications

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Further Titles



Ellie Mattes
Finja and Fairy - The Magic of Oblivion (1)
978-3-505-15124-8
October 2023
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Ellie Mattes
Finja and Fairy - In the city of the flicker fairies (2)
978-3-505-15125-5
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Ellie Mattes grew up on a wild farm among many animals, with whom she experienced the most exciting adventures as a child. After training as a social pedagogue, she began writing for children and young people and now lives with her family and two donkeys in a cottage in the middle of the forest.



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Alina Brost was born and raised in Augsburg. She has been dreaming of a pony in her own garden since childhood and would prefer not to live in the city at all, but in an enchanted forest. After studying design, she illustrates magical worlds and creatures for children's books.

Susanne Oswald, Dagmar Henze (Ill.)

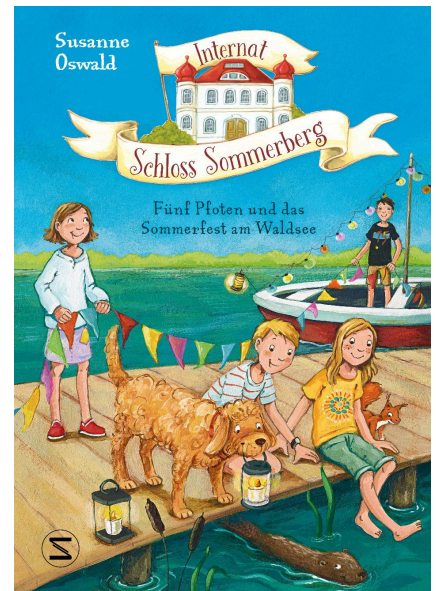
Somerberg Castle Boarding School - Five Paws and the Summer Festival at the Lake in the Forest (3)

The big summer adventure at Schloss Sommerberg boarding school

About the book

Summer, sun, summer party - at Schloss Sommerberg, all signs point to fun. The Five Paws are fully committed to preparing for the legendary boarding school party at the forest lake. Only one person doesn't seem to be looking forward to it: Marvin. And then there's this mystery that the friends stumble across during the preparations. Is someone up to no good? The Five Paws accept the challenge and do everything they can to help Marvin and unravel the mystery.

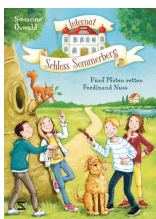
- For all fans of boarding school stories and the "Five Friends" series



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Further Titles



Susanne Oswald
Somerberg Castle Boarding School – Five Paws Save Ferdinand Nut (1)
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Susanne Oswald
Somerberg Castle Boarding School --Five Paws and the Mysterious Stone (2)
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SUSANNE OSWALD is a best-selling author – her dream came true. The Freiburg native loves the sea. Together with her husband and her pug dog Töps, she goes for walks on the beach, and there's nowhere she'd rather spend her evenings than in front of the fireplace with her knitting in her lap. In her head, she's almost always with the characters in her books, and she loves making her fantasies real through their stories.



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Dagmar Henze was born in 1970 in Stade an der Unterelbe. Because her favorite aunt gave her the Schneiderbuch book “My Trip to India” in 1982, she traveled there after finishing high school and lived in an ashram for several months. There she realized that she wanted to study illustration and so traveled back to the river Elbe, to Hamburg, where she still lives with her family.

Alexandra Fabisch

My plan B - or How I had Sherbet Powder tingling in my Stomach for the first time

With the ABC and a talking chameleon to happiness

About the book

Annalea's world is on the brink of collapse because not only has she lost her friends to her new classmate Esther, she is also being told to stay in school. To make matters worse, after falling on her head, a talking chameleon appears and advises her to dedicate each day to a letter and only do things that start with the letter of the day, for example. After some hesitation, Annalea follows the strange advice ...

- The best reading material for strong girls
- Humorous story with a magical character who completely shakes up everyday life



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Alexandra Fabisch, born and raised in Magdeburg, initially worked as a doctor and management consultant before turning to writing. She has a weakness for fleecy clouds, school jokes, foam kisses and alliteration. She is at home in the world of non-fiction and fiction, but children's and young adult books are her great passion.

Gina Mayer

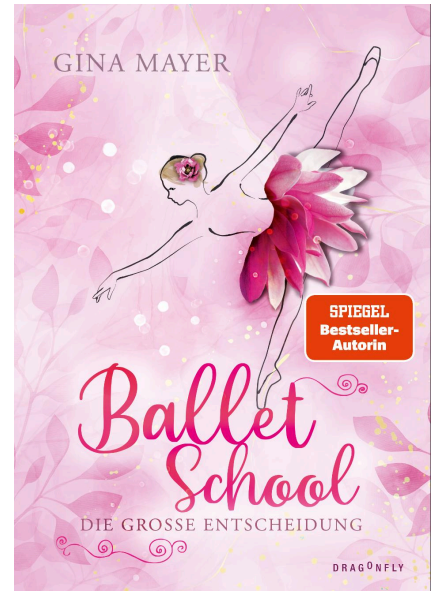
Ballet School - The Big Decision (3)

Heartbreak and intrigue: the grand finale of the "Ballet School" trilogy by bestselling author Gina Mayer

About the book

In the middle of the school year, a new pupil suddenly joins April's class at the Royal Ballet School - Younes. April finds him fascinating - but her feelings for the talented and mysterious Raoul are also still strong. April realises this painfully when she finds out that Raoul has received an offer from New York. When Mr de Waal, the feared classical ballet teacher, makes her boyfriend Wylie's life a living hell, Wylie's future at the ballet school becomes increasingly jeopardised. What will become of his dream - and what of April's?

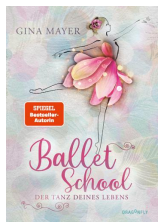
- For everyone who loves the magic of the ballet world



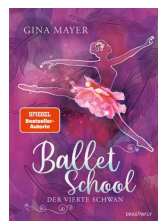
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Gina Mayer
Ballet School – The Dance of Your Life (1)
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Gina Mayer
Ballet School – The Fourth Swan (2)
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Gina Mayer, born in 1965, studied graphic design and subsequently worked as a free-lance ad copywriter before becoming an author. Since 2006, she has published numerous novels for children and young adults as well as several novels for grown-ups. Her works have been on the SPIEGEL bestseller lists and translated into many languages. *Ballet School* is her first book for Dragonfly. Gina Mayer lives with her husband in Düsseldorf. Further info: www.ginamayer.de

Sarah M. Kempen

Valentina Amor. All you need is love (or something like that)

The new girl at school is a goddess of love!

About the book

Love is the best thing there is! At least for Valentina. After all, she is the daughter of Cupid, the god of love himself. And she can hardly wait to start her training to become a fully-fledged goddess of love. When Cupid suddenly drops out, Valentina gets her chance: she has to bring two teenagers together at a school. Nothing could be easier, Valentina thinks. After all, she knows everything about love! But unfortunately nothing about mortals. And she has no idea how complicated, embarrassing and full of divine blunders first love can be. But she can manage it ... right?

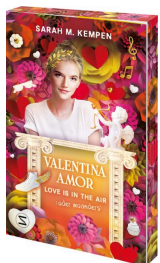
- **A young goddess of love causes love chaos and plenty of palpitations among normal teenagers**
- **Always in vogue: Greek gods, told in a modern way by the Hamburg 2022 literature prize winner**
- **For fans of Dagmar Bach ('Cinnamon and Away'), Katy Birchall ('Emma Charming') and Connie Glynn ('Princess Undercover')**



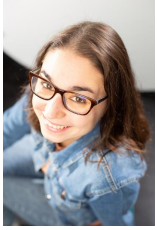
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Sarah M. Kempen
Valentina Amor. Love is in the Air (or somewhere else)
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Sarah M. Kempen lives in Hamburg and writes stories for children and those who want to become children. In addition to children's books, she prefers to write screenplays for cinema films or animated series that have been broadcast many times. In 2022, she was awarded the Hamburg Cultural Authority's Literature Prize in the "Children's and Young People's Books" category. Her favourite thing about writing is coming up with unusual names.

SELECTED BACKLIST

Annika Scheffel, Julia Christians (Ill.)

Hero Squirrel and Dragon Friend

A story about two unlike best friends who nothing in the world can separate.

About the book

What could be better than being a hero? Nothing at all! But how does one actually become a hero? The squirrel doesn't really know. The other animals in the clearing even say that the squirrel doesn't know a lot of things. But that doesn't matter. Does it? But then the squirrel has a chance to prove himself. A real dragon has woken up in a dark cave. The frightened forest dwellers agree: The dragon must go away! Far away. Far away to the end of the world. And the squirrel shall lead him there. An adventurous journey begins, on which the squirrel learns that there is indeed something better than being a hero ...



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Annika Scheffel was born in Hanover in 1983. She studied Applied Theater Studies in Giessen. She spent part of her studies in Bergen, Norway. Since the end of her studies she has also been working in the field of screenwriting. She works as a copywriter and writes for children, teenagers and adults. In March 2010, her debut novel "BEN" was published, which was awarded the Grimmelshausen Prize and selected for the SWR bestseller list. Her novel "Hier ist es schön" received the Robert Gernhardt Prize. Annika Scheffel lives with her family in Berlin.

Julia Christians is a Harz native from 1984. She graduated from the HBK Braunschweig in 2011 with a degree in communication design and has been working as a freelance illustrator since 2018. She lives together with her husband, two children and the constant question of whether four dogs are enough dogs.

Britta Sabbag, Eefje Kuijl (Ill.)

Tomorrow I Listen Better

The new enchanting friendship story of Beaver and Bear!

About the book

Bear and Beaver's friendship is as big as a mountain and as wide as the sky. Of course, Beaver knows exactly what he can do to please Bear! And so the two of them spend the whole day doing only things that Beaver has thought up for Bear: Riding a unicycle, harvesting honey, playing the flute. But the bear is getting grumpier and grumpier ... Until he dares to tell his best friend that he actually imagines a nice day quite differently. The two realize how important it is to listen to each other. And to tell the other clearly enough what you want.

- After "Today is the most beautiful day" the second picture book by Hummel-Bommel bestselling author Britta Sabbag and Eefje Kuijl
- A mindful friendship story about the importance of listening in everyday life
- A touching and poetic gift book



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Britta Sabbag
Today Is the Best Day
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32 pages
Sold to: Hungary, Luxembourg



Britta Sabbag, born in 1978 in Osnabrück, studied linguistics, psychology, and pedagogy. After obtaining her degree she worked in human resources for seven years before she was bitten by the writing bug. Her 2012 debut novel was instantly on the *SPIEGEL* bestseller list. Over 50 books have followed – novels for all ages, young adults and children, as well as picture books. Her best-selling books about Hummel Bommel have become children's classics. Besides books, she also writes children's songs, scripts, and rhymes. In total, she has sold over a million copies since her first publication.



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EFJE KUIJL was born in the Netherlands in 1978. She studied illustration at the School of Arts in Utrecht and now lives in the southern part of the Netherlands, where she creates colorful illustrations for children's books, magazines, puzzles and much more. She especially likes illustrating children's books.

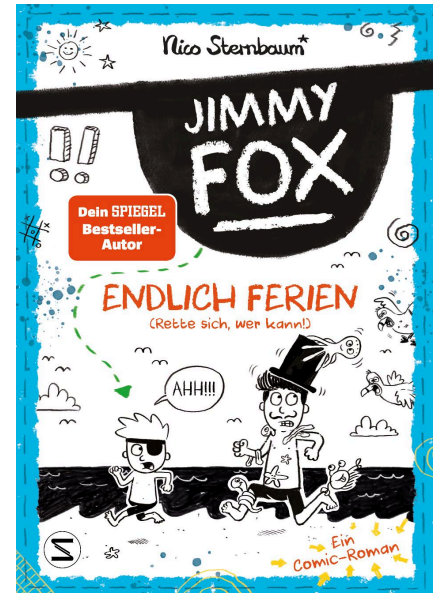
Nico Sternbaum, Nico Sternbaum (Ill.)

Jimmy Fox. Vacation at Last (Every Man for Himself!) (2)

About the book

Summer's here at last! Jimmy and his family travel to the seaside. Oh, this is gonna be just great ... Papa accidentally goes for a swim in a nature reserve, and in his magic shows, beach crabs come out of his hat instead of white rabbits. Grandma terrifies the vacationers by tying a shark fin on her back and swimming in circles just below the water's surface. Fortunately, Jimmy's best friends, Ole and Lisa, have also come along, so Jimmy once again has lots to tell and draw.

- The first children's book by **DEIN SPIEGEL** best-selling author Nico Sternbaum (*Schüttel den Apfelbaum*)[*Shake the Apple Tree*]
- Tom Gates for the little ones: a new series of comic book-style fun for readers 8 and up
- Short chapters of everyday happenings told with lots of humor and slapstick
- Vol 3 will be published in Autumn 2023



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Nico Sternbaum
Jimmy Fox. All on goal (and all off) (3)
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Even as a child, Nico Sternbaum loved to draw and make up stories. Today he works as an illustrator and children's book author. His books have been translated into many languages, including Chinese. His very first book, *Schüttel den Apfelbaum* was hugely successful and has been a continuous presence on the *SPIEGEL* bestseller list for many months. Nico Sternbaum lives in Wiesbaden. He loves to travel, Korean food, and museums.

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