Bobo Dormouse at the seaside

The Dormouse family is spending the summer holidays at the seaside! First Bobo and his parents ride along the beach in a little train, then Bobo plays in the soft, warm sand. He swims amongst the waves with Daddy, finds shells and visits an aquarium with his parents. What a lovely day, packed with seaside fun!

3+, 18 pages,
4c illustrations by Dorothée Böhlke

Bobo Dormouse plays outside!

Little Bobo Dormouse is making the most of the warm weather – there’s so much to do outside! He watches insects in the garden, collects berries, jumps around in front of the lawn sprinkler with his friends, goes camping with Daddy and Jeremy on the shores of a lake – where they go swimming, set paper boats sailing on the water and bake bread on sticks over a campfire. He joins Mummy for a trek through the woods where he climbs trees and builds a den before going on holiday with Granny and Grandpa to the mountains where he plays on the banks of a stream and pets the goats. Playing outside is the best!

3+, 96 pages
4c illustrations by Dorothée Böhlke

- one of Germany’s most successful picture book series for toddlers with more than 1.6 million copies sold!

- Rights sold to:
  China (Beijing Baby Cube)
  Korea (Yewon Media Publishing)
  Russia (KompasGuide)

Markus Osterwalder was born in Zurich in 1947. He trained as a typesetter and worked as a graphic designer at an educational publisher in Paris and was an art director at the children’s book publisher L’Ecole des loisirs. He lives with his family in Paris.
Boom! A barrel falls from the sky and… Wow! A wizard emerges…

Finn can’t believe his eyes when an old wizard and his chameleon dragon literally fall from the sky. Finn, an avid collector, hides them in the shed at home, where they immediately start causing all sorts of trouble…

Thanks to them he’s got that girl from school, Marie-Lou, hanging around and he even has to deal with dangerous troll attacks now! But Finn decides to save his strange visitors from a mad professor who’s chasing them. Who knows what that crazy old man would do to them in his laboratory?

- the beginning of a new adventurous series for children who love mystical creatures!
- Vol. 2 will be published in October 2019

Finn’s Fantastic Friends
8+, 160 pages
b/w illustrations by Ute Krause
The adventure continues…

Torben-Henrik’s best friend Mehmet (who’s brilliant at kung fu) is going to meet his superhero double, Kung Fu Boy. While visiting the hero city of Herodonia, Mehmet vanishes without a trace! But it turns out that many other kids have disappeared, too. With the assistance of his double, Flashboy, who postpones his tour playing the clarinet to help out, Torben finds Mehmet and the other children in the mountain monastery of Shao-Shao, where the mysterious monk Pi is leading a double life – and plans to take over the world! Torben-Henrik and his friends know they have to do something…

- a witty adventure series for kids who’d love to possess magical powers
- a charming, strong but also very clumsy hero

Superflashboy and the Secret of Shao Shao (Vol. 2)
8+ / 144 pages
b/w illustrations by Kai Schüttler

Superflashboy (Vol. 1)
Torben-Henrik feels out of place in his family. He’d love to be a superhero, like his idol, Flashboy. When he holds a talk in front of his school class about Flashboy dressed up as his idol, he is abducted by two men who take him along a secret tunnel to Hero City, where all the superheroes live. The real Flashboy, it turns out, isn’t a hero at all but a music nerd with polystyrene muscles who – just like Torben-Henrik – feels completely out of place at home. The two boys decide to swap families…

Salah Naoura successfully translates many children’s, YA and non-fiction books and writes gripping children’s literature. He received several awards:
- **Children Radio Play Award Karlsruhe** 2016 for Superflashboy
- **German Youth Literature Award** in 1992 and 2013 as a translator for children’s books, four times nominated
- **Lynx of the Month** in 2004 and 2011
The Jumping House – Danger Volcano! (Vol. 3)

Lonni and Nick are close to completing the code that will free their missing grandparents – only two symbols are left to find! But the batteries powering the jumping house are flagging and they can’t fix the broken controls on their own. They jump to a circus, where prairie chicken Esmerelda delivers an impromptu performance and the pair find the third symbol. But then the house lands – spluttering and jolting – on Iceland, right next to a volcano that’s going to erupt any second! Can they make it back home? Meanwhile, Ms Kiesewetter is hatching new plans to uncover the secret of the Wendelin house.

- a fantastic house that jumps between worlds spontaneously
- charismatic characters: the crazy Wendelin family, a very nosy neighbour and a strange chicken make readers laugh constantly

The Jumping House – Desert Island Ahoy! (Vol. 4)

Lonni and Nick need only one last symbol to rescue their grandparents! And not a second too soon: the house’s batteries are almost empty. Using up its last reserves, the house jumps from New Zealand to the South Sea, where their grandparents are anxiously waiting to be rescued. And they reveal the reason for their expedition: they’ve found a new super energy stone they can use to replace the batteries. All that’s left to do is to jump home and deal with Ms Kiesewetter once and for all…

All titles:
8+ / 284 pages
b/w illustrations by Cathy Ionescu

MARIKKA PFEIFFER is a freelance writer. She grew up in Berlin and studied music education and history and worked with children and teenagers on creative projects. Above all, she loves mysterious adventures.
Actually, the totally shy Juli could really imagine better things than to take care of the new neighbour boy August. But Juli’s mother simply makes her do it – after all, as a coach and management consultant she knows what to do! To tackle challenges, to sound out one’s own limits and such things. Well – exactly the things that are rather difficult for Juli. But maybe that can be changed? How hard can it be to be as laid-back as the “cool” kids at school? With August, who is just as reserved as she is, Juli forges a plan – setting up dares for each other and getting really cool in a few days! It can’t be that hard – can it?

- social pressure and healthy self-confidence
- true friendship is way more important than being “cool” in school

**Cool in 10 Days**
10+, 160 pages
b/w illustrations by Anke Kuhl

**KATJA REIDER** worked as a press officer before becoming a writer. She has since published more than 150 books, and lives with her husband, children and their small dog in Hamburg. She is also an active campaigner for supporting reading skills. Together with other authors she founded the children’s reading festival *Hamburger VorleseVergnügen.*
It's spring 1942, and the Californian town of El Peso is the scene of strange goings on. The war is raging far away in Europe and the Pacific. Meanwhile, the “New World” is founded, a school for Rombout, Björn, Chuchu, Nelson, Ivan, Betsy and the others, a “country” for children where they organise and decide everything. The “United Children” from the “United Nations” are happy to be here. They tell each other about their experiences, where their parents are, why they had to leave their homes behind and flee the war. Now they finally feel safe. But appearances can be deceptive:

A secretive Mr X is bringing terror into their midst, here in America. The “gang” picks up his trail and a frantic race against the clock begins.

- being a child doesn’t mean to be weak!
- still a current topic: acting courageously in politically unsecure times
- originally published in English language (text available)

ERIKA MANN was born in 1905, the first daughter of Katia and Thomas Mann. In 1933, she founded the anti-fascist cabaret Die Pfeffermühle with Therese Ghiese. From 1936 onwards, she lived mostly in the US, working as a publicist and lecturer. During the Second World War she was a reporter for the Allied Forces. She returned to Europe in 1952 and died in Zurich in 1969.

This gripping political novel aimed at young readers was written during World War II, intended as a call to action for opponents of Hitler and the Nazis around the world.

ERIKA MANN
A Gang of Ten
12+ / 320 pages
May 2019
What would today look like if you could change the past?

“That girl has a very active imagination. Too active, if you ask me.” Lena can’t count the number of times she’s heard Auntie Sonja say that. She’s lived with her for as long as she can remember, along with her two younger cousins and feels like a stranger in the heart of this family.

Her best friend Bobbie says that all 15-year-olds have that feeling sometimes. But Lena is convinced there’s more to it. Her suspicions are borne out when she finds a mysterious clock among her parents’ old things. By accident, she activates the timepiece’s mechanism, calling forth enigmatic friends and powerful enemies. Far away, in a place not of this world, a boy takes notice of her: Dante.

Lena is fascinated by Dante, who seems to have magical powers and the key to her heart. They team up and journey to Dante’s home, the invisible city. But who is Dante? And what does he have to do with her parents’ deadly accident years ago?

- the beginning of an enthralling new fantasy trilogy with two headstrong time-travellers
- **English sample translation available!**
- **Rights sold to:**
  Italy (Garzanti, all three titles)

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**The Heart of Time**
The Invisible City (Vol. 1)
12+, 416 pages

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**The Heart of Time (Vol. 2)**
– forthcoming August 2019
Lena is having a hard time adjusting to ordinary life. How can she forget Dante, the boy whose eyes are different colours? But she soon has much bigger worries. On a school trip she realises that her pursuers haven’t given up after all. At the last minute, Lena manages to pass the chronometer she uses to travel through time to her friend Bobbie. A fateful mistake. Fleeing, Bobbie stumbles into the past and becomes trapped in time...
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