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CHILDREN’S FICTION
YOUNG ADULT NON-/FICTION
Spring/Summer 2020
Dear book lovers,

It nearly is spring-time and we’re preparing for outdoor adventures with our growing group of unintentional super heroes:

BOBO is visiting the mountains for the first time, where he experiences altitude and exertion.

FINN’S FANTASTIC FRIENDS and Marie-Lou have to rescue the annoying guy from their class and stop mammoth hamsters from conquering their world at the same time.

AXEL SCHEFFLER’s Pearl Thief has been republished, it is a fable starring a little chicken that wants to look differently and steals the King’s crown but is honest and brave enough to return it. With heart-melting illustrations by the famous illustrator of The Gruffalo.

Speaking of the unexpected experience of becoming a hero: meet CARLA CHAMELEON! She would give anything to be a normal girl, but instead she vanishes whenever something (or someone!) embarrasses her. Soon a secret club is after her.

THE MYSTERY OF AINSLEY CASTLE is waiting for those who love Enid Blyton adventure stories or a good Hitchcock psycho thriller: Lizzy’s only task in this book is to save herself from being erased from her own story by an evil author!

The backyard of a supermarket is Lena’s starting point for her road trip to nobody-knows-where: FORWARD, TO THE SOUTH is her chance to get rid of her not-so flattering nickname “Duck Ass”.

Then there is one of our YA-heroines: Liv, a strong woman who takes care of an old light house and inevitably falls in love with the local mysterious and good looking bachelor. SHOW ME THE STARS is just what fans of romantic literature are looking for.

Enjoy spring and summer with their upcoming fairs and new projects, it’s a great time for new heroines and heroes!

Best wishes,

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Bobo Dormouse: In the Mountains

Bobo goes on holiday to the mountains with the whole family!

He feeds the cows in the field, bathes in a mountain stream, plays with the goats on the Alpine meadow and falls asleep on Grandad's shoulders.

- The Bobo cardboard picture book fits in every bag.
- Easy for little hands to hold!
- Seven titles in this board book series.

Rights sold to:
- China (Beijing Baby Cube)
- Korea (Yewon)
- Romania (Paralela 45)
- Russia (Kompas Guide)

3+, 18 pages, May 2020
4c illustrations by Dorothée Böhlke

Bobo's previous board book adventures:
visiting the zoo, the playground, the circus, the supermarket, having a sleepover at his grandparents’ house, Christmas time

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.
How does the grey chicken turn into a beautifully glittering guinea fowl? Axel Scheffler’s enchanting artwork depicts the story of a fable packed with adventure:

When Peacock employs the little chicken in his shop, he’s blissfully unaware of the chaos that’s about to ensue: a royal visit, petty theft, a hunt for a robber and a sudden burst of glamour and fame in the morning! And there’s a radiant happy end for the chicken, too.

- Accompanying the book is a set of embroidery instructions for children by Rosa Scheffler to recreate elements from the story.
- **English sample translation available!**
- **Rights sold to:**
  - English worldwide (PanMacmillan)
  - The Netherlands (Ploegsma)

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**The Pearl Thief**

4+, 80 pages

4c illustrations by Axel Scheffler

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Axel Scheffler was born in Hamburg in 1957. He studied art in England and has lived there since 1982. He is one of the most well-known illustrators of children’s books in both Germany and the UK. *The Gruffalo*, which he co-authored with Julia Donaldson, was a worldwide hit.

Rosa Scheffler is a passionate collector of colourful beads and took up embroidery in the mid-1980s. She browses flea markets for original material and develops her own creations. Rosa Scheffler lives in Hamburg.
Finn and Marie-Lou travel to the “Land-Without-A-Name”, homeland of Zackarius the magician and chameleon-dragon Attila. What choice did they have? After all, they weren’t entirely blameless in Alexander the class bully and the rotten scoundrel Infamia being spirited away there. What’s more, the two of them have the Xalabu (a powerful, magical instrument which makes invisible things visible) and are intent on enslaving more innocent creatures (dragons and dwarves, for instance) unless someone puts a stop to them.

In the end, the inevitable happens: Finn’s friends are pitted against their nemeses in an epic battle, side by side with dwarves, mammoth hamsters and unicorns (which are unfortunately extremely stupid). Will they manage to defeat the baddies and save the day?

- Great fun to read out loud, with illustrations by Ute Krause.
- Rüdiger Bertram goes out with a bang in the final book of the “Finn’s Fantastic Friends” series.
- English sample translation available!
Carla can't believe it, first her best friend Herta just moved to Australia and now in the first lesson after the holidays Jole, the new kid in her class, sits next to her and makes embarrassing jokes. This is clearly too much for shy Carla – she becomes invisible and takes on the colour and texture of her surroundings. Fortunately, nobody notices. Except Jole, who enthusiastically observes this transformation. Carla herself is horrified! She absolutely wants to be normal! Unfortunately, it doesn’t stop at this one transformation and soon a secret society also becomes aware of Carla's rare quality. "The Cavaliers" want to harness the power of Carla's transformation for themselves.

When Herta finds out that Carla has severe chameliosis, she sends her a special pill. Unfortunately Carla's penguin Mr. Ping swallows it, then develops a sling tongue and won't stop talking in rhymes... but this is just one of many problems Carla and Jole have to solve.

Carla Chameleon (Vol. 1)
9+, 160 pages,
b/w illustrations by Julia Christians
> March 2020

Vol. 2 will take Carla, Jole and Mr. Ping to the zoo. The book is to be published in May 2020.
Volume 3 appears in October 2020!

English sample translation available!

Franziska Gehm, born 1974 in Sonderhausen, studied in England and Ireland, worked in Austria and Denmark and published numerous books for children and young people, which were translated into many languages and turned into films. Just like Carla, she sometimes disappeared into thin air as a child, mostly in math classes.
Carla has made up her mind and is now a member of the secret society "The Cavaliers".

It's no longer about getting rid of her superhero-chameliosis – now it's about using it! For the rescue of the zoo and in the fight against building investors who are greedy for money!

Luckily Jole and Mr. Ping are at her side, because after all, she only gets invisible when extremely embarrassed and neither Jole nor the rhyming penguin are afraid of making a fool of themselves to help her. Carla’s ability to camouflage herself is urgently needed: there are some strange happenings at the zoo!

First, a visitor gets a bad stomach ache from eating vegetarian sausages. Soon after someone lets all the animals out! Carla, Jole and her penguin Mr Ping are determined to get to the bottom of the mystery: who is trying to sabotage the zoo?

- Carla Chameleon’s second adventure – the reluctant superheroine.
- Vol. 3 will be published in October 2020!

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Lizzy and her father have just moved far north to her future stepmother’s hotel. It’s on a rainy and secluded island with little to recommend except a sleepy, quaint town and the ruins of an ancient castle. One day, mysterious emails land in Lizzy’s account. Someone knows exactly who she is, what she’s doing – and even what she’s thinking! Then a young girl called Betty – Lizzy’s exact double! – appears on the scene. There’s no doubt in Lizzy’s mind that something really weird is going on. Lizzy, Betty, and their friend Mack go on a journey to unravel the mystery of Ainsley Castle, only to discover that they are characters in a soon-to-be completed book. Even worse: the author intends to delete Lizzy’s character and replace her with Betty! Can Lizzy and her world be saved?

- An ingenious cross between an Enid Blyton adventure story and a Hitchcock psychothriller.
- The perfect summer read: spooky, magical, funny and with a psychological twist too.
- Original English manuscript available.

Holly-Jane Rahlens is an American writer, journalist and entertainer living in Berlin since the 1970s. She is best known for her personal essays broadcast on German radio and performed for the stage, as well as her award-winning coming-of-age novels.
Sometimes you have to leave your backyard to make life an adventure.

For a group of temporary employees of a local supermarket, the backyard of the discounter is more than meets the eye. It is a break room, a living room and sometimes also a party cellar. In the backyard you get your name, whether you like it or not. If you are lucky, you will be ennobled with an "our", just like "our Pavel". Or you are unlucky. Like "Duck Ass". She got her name from Jo, who disappeared months ago. His ex-girlfriend Marie, his best friend Can and the first-person narrator, "Duck Ass", start looking for Jo and the reasons for his disappearance. Their only clues: stamps on the postcards that he sent to Marie. The search for him develops into a wild summer trip through roaring hot July days. Without a plan, without air conditioning, further and further south.

- Fast, funny, smart ... and also a love story.
- Debut (road) novel of a highly promising rising German talent that radiates the feeling of youthful freedom and hot July days.
- For all fans of Wolfgang Herrndorf's Tschick and Kirsten Fuchs’ Mädchenmeute.
- English sample translation available!

Extract:
"I'll find him," Marie says. "I will look for Jo."
Everyone nods as if they were just waiting for Marie to pronounce this sentence, as if it were only a matter of time. I also nod, I didn't even wait for it. Jo has been gone for six months. He was not abducted, he was not kidnapped, he just ran away. If a person wants to be part of it, he has to hang out in the backyard. That is the first rule. If Jo wants to belong to us again, then he should come back. Voluntarily, without a search party and without a reception committee, without a brass band and without tear-wet handkerchiefs.

We all stare at the deckchair, which stands so happily striped in our midst. And I suddenly have to think of all the children's birthdays, musical chairs again and again. But this time it is different. The first person to sit down on the deckchair is out. Whoever sits down first has lost, has lost this summer forever.
"I have a car and a driving licence."

I look around to find out who said that. And then find out that it was me.

Sarah Jäger lives in the Ruhr area, is a trained theatre pedagogue and works in the field of cultural education. She is always on the lookout for novels and stories that hit the head, heart and stomach. Nach vorn, nach Süden is her debut novel.
Take Some Time Out! The headline grabs Liv’s attention as she browses, depressed, through the job ads. Although she’s only 22 and just starting out in journalism, a recent disastrous interview cost her a new job. The ad sounds like a dream come true: someone needs a house-sitter to mind a lighthouse on the Irish coast for six months!

Taking time out is exactly what Liv needs to clear her head and recharge her batteries. She sends off her application and a few weeks later finds herself standing in front of her new home. Next to a good-looking Irishman who makes her heart beat faster. She doesn’t know it yet, but he’ll break her heart, too…

- The beginning of a unique romance trilogy about three young women, a lighthouse and love.
- Rousing characters and a fine dry humor.
- For all fans of Mona Kasten, Laura Kneidl and Colleen Hoover!
- Rights sold to: Russia (Eksmo, whole series).

“Wild and free. Does Kjer know how exactly these words fit? They dig into my heart as if he had planted something with them. Wild and free. When was I ever wild and free before I arrived on this island?”

“Kjer bends to me. The smell of rain, wind and sea rises into my nose and in between something else, warmer …”

Kira Mohn has done a lot of different things. She founded a music magazine, studied pedagogy, spent time living in New York, self-published her own books written under the pseudonym, Kira Minttu, worked with four friends to build the writers’ label Ink Rebels, and – most importantly – started a family. She is active on Facebook and Instagram and enjoys interacting with her readers there (@kira.minttu).
She never wanted to come back. He never wanted to let her go...

It was four years ago that Ivy lost everything. Shortly after her mother died, her stepfather packed her off to boarding school because she was constantly arguing with her older stepbrother, Asher.

But suddenly her stepfather wants to see her again this summer and calls her back home to an island on the New Hampshire coast, where she meets Asher once more. He’s still just as unbearable as ever, still just as difficult. And still far too handsome. Damn.

This reunion bothers her far much more than she had expected. But, when Ivy discovers why she was called back to the island, her world threatens to fall apart completely...

- Atmospheric setting on a private island in New Hampshire
- First volume of a romantic and exciting diology with 20 lavishly illustrated hand-lettered pages by Carolin Magunia
- For all fans of Mona Kasten, Laura Kneidl and Kelly Moran!

“I would like to have more space between us than just the centre console of a car. An ocean would be ideal.”

“The corners of Asher’s mouth curve upwards, and there it is, the little dimple next to the corner of his right mouth. I’d be lying if I said I didn’t miss it, which only proves how stupid I am.”
Most of what we learn at school turns out to be useless to us in later life. And more importantly, most of what we realise later is crucial to our happiness are things our teachers and parents didn’t tell us about. If they had, our lives would be so much easier!

In their entertaining and accessible book, YouTube stars Joyce and Chris show us how to lead a successful, fulfilled life through (the right) knowledge, mindfulness in our decision-making and maintaining independence in our thinking and actions. What a shame no one told us all this when we were younger!

- This book is a witty, clever mix of knowledge and life support, peppered with entertaining, self-ironic anecdotes - a concept that has already proven to be extremely successful.
- The YouTube stars Joyce Ilg and Chris Halb12 take on the topics about which you don't learn anything at school or university, e.g. self-confidence, developing self-love, dealing with (social) media, communication, health, awareness of and dealing with financial topics.

Joyce Ilg, born in 1983, loves what she does. The actress and presenter is a full-time YouTube star with 1.2 million fans. But one who actually went to college. She doesn't do beauty like most girls, but comedy. With her wittily exaggerated sketches about everyday life, and other formats, she has built up one of the most successful female YouTube channels in Germany within a few years. She wants to make others laugh and can also laugh at herself. She doesn't take herself too seriously, but she does love life, and that's why she has written this book with Chris Halb12.

Chris Halb12 is part of her YouTube channel with 103,000 subscriptions. He studied business administration with the motivation to become self-employed. Do things yourself and decide for yourself - a good match for the book.
Here Comes Max! (Vol. 1)
Max in the Snow (Vol. 2)
both titles by Jan Weiler
5+, 48 pages
b/w illustrations by Ole Könnecke
Max’s life is pretty exciting, there is so much to explore! So be part of it and get to know our non-stop talking adventurer.

- Rights sold to: Hungary

A Horse Called Huppiwupp
by Heinrich Hannover
5+, 112 pages
4c and b/w illustrations by Selda Marlin Soganci
- The author received an award for his life’s work in 2019.
- Full English translation available.

The Pearl Thief
by Axel Scheffler, Rosa Scheffler
4+, 80 pages
4c illustrations by Axel Scheffler
The little chicken loves everything that glitters, no wonder that the King’s Crown quickly catches it’s attention…
- Rights sold to: English World, the Netherlands
Superflashboy 1 & 2  
Salah Naoura

Both titles:
8+, 144 pages
b/w illustrations by Kai Schüttler

Torben-Henrik and his lookalike, superhero Superflashboy, both feel out of place at home and decide to swap families.

The Jumping House Vol.1 - 4  
Marikka Pfeiffer

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

A house that jumps to different places sounds amazing, doesn’t it? Wait until you learn that the control panel doesn’t work any more and the batteries are getting low. Lonni and Nick try to stay “on board” and solve the house’s mysteries, while traveling to Hollywood, Iceland and France, unintentionally!

“An entertaining pleasure for first readers and their parents” Potsdamer Neueste Nachrichten
First-Class Sniffer
Katja Reider
8+, 128 pages
b/w illustrations by Edda Skibbe
Jo and Flora help an old lady who’s the victim of an extortion. Eddy the sniffer dog puts his talents to good use.

The Heart of Time
Monika Peetz
12+, 416 pages
Lena learns that she’s the daughter of a time traveller and begins to explore the invisible city, where fate and destiny meet. Soon she finds herself in a fatal dilemma: should she prevent the death of her parents in the past or save the life of her best friend in the present?

- Sold to: Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine

The Mysterious Book Shop
Holly-Jane Rahlens
10+, 320/352 pages
The Whispering Leaves Reading Club is interrupted by a knock at the bookshop’s back door, in steps Colin from the far future. It takes a while before he understands that he’s not in the middle of a virtual reality game, but has actually been sent back in time to the 21st century

- English editions for both titles are available!
Lenni, The Ravioli Hero
Katja Reider
8+, 128 pages
b/w illustrations by Dominik Rupp

Dad-o-matic
Peter Jacobi
8+, 256 pages
b/w illustrations by Alexander von Knorre

The Goat Gang: The Chip Van Mystery
Meike Haberstock
8+, 224 pages
b/w illustrations by Kai Schüttler

The Bearded Woman
Katalina Brause
8+, 144 pages
b/w illustrations

Awkward Me
Katja Reider
8+, 128 pages
b/w illustrations by Anke Kuhl

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

The Thing with Love
Mara Schindler
10+, 128 pages
4c illustrations by Dorothée Böhle

The Thing with Mrs. Schulz
Mara Schindler
10+, 128 pages
4c illustrations by Dorothée Böhle

A Gang of Ten
Erika Mann
12+ / 320 pages

English edition available
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**young adults**

- **The Death Strip**
  Helen Endemann
  13+, 256 pages

- **Infinitissimo**
  Holly-Jane Rahlens
  14+, 384 pages

- **My Devilish Friend**
  Hortense Ullrich
  14+, 160 pages

- **Stoned – My Life as a Pothead**
  Amon Barth
  14+, 192 pages

- **The Queen of Clouds**
  Susanne Fischer
  14+, 224 pages

  Sold to: Russia

- **The Girl Gang**
  Kirsten Fuchs
  14+, 464 pages

- **More Black than Purple**
  Lena Gorelik
  16+, 256 pages

  Sold to: Latvia

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**Non Fiction**

- **Sex Changes Everything**
  Ann-Marlen Henning
  16+, 224 pages

- **Youth Issues – Boys’ Questions**
  Benjamin Scholz
  11+, 240 pages
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