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CHILDREN’S FICTION
YOUNG ADULT NON-/FICTION
Autumn/Winter 2019
Dear book lovers,

When summer comes to an end and it’s getting colder outside, our picture book hero Bobo knows how to spend time inside, but if you’re looking for crazy adventures, you should ask Finn. The middle-grader still hides a strange wizard and his buddy the chameleon-dragon Attila in his parent’s shed.

Once again we present you a true pearl within this catalogue: AXEL SCHEFFLER’s Pearl Thief will be republished this autumn. It is a fable starring the little chicken that wants to look differently and steals the King’s crown. With heart-melting illustrations by the famous illustrator of The Gruffalo.

Please also make space on your bookshelf for two YA novels, dealing with the German Wall and the question of what it means to tear down inner walls of resentment and prejudices too. A love story inspired by historical witnesses and a thriller situated in this tense atmosphere are waiting for you.

For all of you who can’t or won’t wait to find out what happens in the Invisible City, the second volume of The Heart of Time is waiting to be devoured. Lena and Dante will face a powerful enemy during the Night of the Owls.

For the non-fiction fan-base: this catalogue also presents two selected titles that deal with sexual education for teenagers, one of them is especially for boys, answering all their questions in a witty and educational way!

Enjoy autumn and winter with their upcoming fairs and new projects!

Best wishes,

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Bobo Dormouse celebrates Christmas

The next Christmas always seems to be years away, especially for our favourite little dormouse! Here Bobo goes on a walk through the snow with Daddy and his cousins and stops at the church to look at the nativity scene. Then it’s time to go home. There he celebrates Christmas with the whole Dormouse family in front of his lavishly decorated Christmas tree!

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

Bobo Dormouse: fun at home (Vol. 13)

When the weather outside gets cold, Bobo has great ideas for fun things to do inside! Like getting dressed up in grandma and grandpa’s old clothes and putting on a play. Or using chestnuts, leaves and stones to make collages – and even music! He turns a roll of wallpaper into a canvas for amazing pictures and an old curtain and a cushion into a cosy cave.

Bobo always ends up having loads of fun with his friends and family – and falls asleep at the end of every adventure.

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.
Finn’s unintended adventure goes on, back to normal is not an option:

Whoosh! A rocket shoots out of the roof of Finn’s shed! Straight away we know who’s responsible...
Wizard Zack the Great and Attila the chameleon-dragon who live in Finn’s shed, of course. Surprises (both good and bad) are all but guaranteed when they’re around. The wizard started his new job as a caretaker at Finn’s school by hypnotizing the principal, but he and Attila seem to no longer be the only visitors to our world from the Land-Without-A-Name: their enemy, the nasty Infamia, followed them to take back the magical Xalabu, a thing that makes invisible things visible. Finn and his friend Marie-Lou are busy helping their fantastic friends out of trouble. But everyone has lots of fun along the way!

- The sympathetic anti-hero and “normal” boy Finn finds magic, adventure and new friends by being more curious than everyone around him
- English sample translation available!

Finn’s Fantastic Friends (Vol. 1)
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?

RÜDIGER BERTRAM studied history, German studies and economics and became a freelance journalist covering the film industry. After a training course as a screenwriter and writing for sitcoms, he concentrated on writing books for children and young people. He lives in Cologne with his wife and two children.
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!

**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 world-wide 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.
It's 1985 and Germany is still separated into East Germany and West Germany. While 15-year-old Ben is attending a sports boarding school in West Berlin, a few kilometres away 17-year-old Marc is suffering through the harsh East German education system.

When Ben's school is invited to a friendly competition in East Berlin, Marc believes his chance to flee to the West has finally arrived. On a team photo of Ben's school, Marc has discovered that he and Ben look so alike they could be twins. During the sports event, two friends keep Ben captive for a few hours while Marc travels to the West on Ben's passport. In Marc's naïve plan, Ben, being a "Wessi", would have no problem getting back home. But that part of the scheme has gone badly wrong – no one believes Ben because they all think he's Marc.

When Ben speaks out against the communist system, he's taken to a work camp and treated like a criminal. Marc and his friends work with Ben's friends to come up with a daring plan to get Ben out – over the Berlin Wall.

- When the Wall was still standing. A thrilling double crime thriller about a daring escape from East to West Berlin.

- English sample translation available!
November 1989. Two weeks after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Molly, 16, a New Yorker in Berlin, is off to her mother’s birth house in East Berlin. On the train from West to East, wallflower Molly meets East German wildflower, Mick, 19, a theater student. It’s love at first sight – and a journey into an unknown land where more than just one Wall has to fall in order to discover each other, the absurdities of the divided city, and of course, the wonder of love.

- A classic girl-meets-boy and a subtle lesson in history – the story of two young adults trying to figure out who they at the dawning of a new era in Germany.

- 2019 is the 30th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall!

- The original manuscript, written in English, is available!

- Rights sold to: Denmark (Rosinante & Co)

Wallflower
13+, 160 pages

Holly-Jane Rahlens in 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.
Monika Peetz
THE HEART OF TIME: The Night of the Owls (Vol. 2)

Between friendship and betrayal

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 the year 1900. While she fights her way as a papergirl, Lena breaks her promise and returns to the invisible city to look for help – and Dante.

Soon all three of them are on a mission to prevent their enemies from constructing chronometers to travel through time themselves. But they’re always a step ahead and the whole invisible world is in danger…

- The second volume of an enthralling new fantasy trilogy with two headstrong time-travellers
- English sample translation available!
- Rights sold to: Italy (Garzanti), Romania (Unicart), Poland (IBIS), Russia (Eksmo), Ukraine (Schkola)

The Heart of Time
The Night of the Owls (Vol. 2)
12+, 416 pages

The Heart of Time (Vol. 1) - The Invisible City

15 year-old Lena discovers an ancient clock among her dead parents’ old things and accidentally activates the timepiece’s mechanism. Far away in the invisible city, a place not of this world, a boy takes notice of her: Dante. He is curious to find the daughter of the legendary woman who once left the time-travellers society to live a mortal life. When Lena learns about the mechanisms of time, she decides to change her own fate and travels back to the night, her parents died. Only too late she realises that meddling in her own life automatically affects the lives of everyone else around her too. The story reaches its peak when Lena has to decide between getting her parents back and saving the life of her best friend Bobbie.

Monika Peetz studied German language and literature, communication studies and philosophy in Munich. After stints in advertising and publishing she became a dramaturg and journalist. A scriptwriter since 1998, she lives in Germany and the Netherlands.

The authors’ previous titles sold 1 million copies in Germany, rights were sold to 24 countries.
“My life is slowly flowing. Most of the time I try not to worry about anything except where I’m going to smoke with who next time and how I can keep my relaxed lifestyle without school or my family getting on my nerves too much. I live in my little chaotic microcosm full of fantasy, music and intoxication. The only important thing for me is to stay high.”

Amon Barth tells emotionally and thrillingly about his addiction and describes his years as a pothead: his constant desire for intoxication and being high, and how he finally found his way out of dependence.

- For this new edition, Amon Barth supplemented his bestseller with answers to the questions he is repeatedly asked in readings: How did he manage to stop? What helped him the most?

### Amon Barth

Amon Barth, born 1984, grew up in Hamburg. He discovered his passion for documentary film at the SAE media school. He studied directing/documentary film at the Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg and graduated in 2017 with his diploma film *einfach loslassen* (SWR). Today Amon Barth works as a director for documentary film in Hamburg.
Boys are faced with a gamut of puzzles and challenges in puberty. There’s penis size, losing their virginity, foreskins, pubic hair, masturbation, homo- and bisexuality, contraception, STDs and falling in love. But who can they ask for advice? Parents? Way too embarrassing. Friends? Too uncool.

Many boys don’t get important information despite – or perhaps because of – the ubiquity of internet porn. Thankfully, Benjamin Scholz’s new book answers boys’ most common questions while collating many quotes and true stories.

**Enlightenment for the generation Internet:** The successful YouTuber Benjamin Scholz answers boys’ questions in a relaxed, funny and informative way with many original quotes and examples. His tenor:

"Don't worry, you're just right as you are".

- Everything boys need to know about their body, sex and puberty
- The extremely positive feedback on his channel "Jungsfragen" not only comes from the boys themselves absolutely positive (there are even nationwide fan meetings!), but also from their parents
- He has even been contacted and congratulated by the Children’s and Youth Doctors' Association; various sex educators are now giving training sessions with his videos
- A modern, cool, easy-going educational book for boys in puberty by an author who speaks their language
- The YouTube channel "Jungsfragen" has 74,000 subscribers, the videos a total of 11 million views

**English sample translation available!**

**Benjamin Scholz**, born in 1980, is a trained graphic designer. After working in advertising agencies, he became self-employed and still works as a freelancer in this profession. He also goes to schools for sex education and gives seminars for youth workers and teachers. Since 2014 he has been answering questions about puberty and sexuality on his successful YouTubu channel “jungsfragen”.
No one has more questions about their own body and sexuality than young people who are just beginning to explore both. The successful sexologist Ann-Marlene Henning gives answers. She explains our anatomy, the effects of hormones, and makes it clear how similar both sexes are. In this way she enables a voyage of discovery to previously undiscovered erogenous zones and helps young people to develop an "erotic profile", to discover where their own lust begins, whether they have homo-, hetero- or bisexual tendencies, which parts of the body can provide sensations, from the ears, throat, neck and feet to the classical sexual organs.

- An important, modern book about self-confident sexuality.
- English sample translation available!

Ann-Marlene Henning was born in Viborg and studied neuropsychology in Hamburg and sexology in Denmark. She then continued her training in Switzerland with the Sexocorporel Concept and in Germany with a master's degree in sexology. Today she offers couples and sexual therapy as a resident psychotherapist in her practice in Hamburg. Her books and television documentaries on sex education and sexuality made her famous throughout Germany.
Here Comes Max! (Vol. 1)
both titles by Jan Weiler
5+, 48 pages
b/w illustrations by Ole Könnecke

Max in Winter (Vol. 2)

Rights sold to: Hungary

A Horse Called Huppiwupp

by Heinrich Hannover

5+, 112 pages
4c and b/w illustrations by Selda Marlin Soganci
Full English translation available.

The author received the "Ehren-Tüddelband"-Award for his life’s work in 2019.
BACKLIST/series  children’s books 8+

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Salah Naoura

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

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Marikka Pfeiffer

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

“An entertaining pleasure for first readers and their parents”
_Potsdamer Neueste Nachrichten_

Hollywood and Back  
(Vol. 1)

Below the Knight's Castle  
(Vol. 2)

Danger, Volcano!  
(Vol. 3)

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(Vol. 4)
BACKLIST/series  children’s books 8+

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Katja Reider

Both titles:
8+, 128 pages
b/w illustrations by Edda Skibbe

...Taken by Surprise
Katja Reider
(Vol. 2)

First Class Sniffer
Katja Reider

The mysterious Book Shop
Holly Jane Rahlens

10+, 320/352 pages

English editions for both titles are available!

"In her novel "Blätterrauschen", Holly-Jane Rahlens enchants her readers so cleverly that one greedily picks up the traces she lays out."

Berliner Zeitung

Whispering Leaves
Holly Jane Rahlens
(Vol. 1)

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(Vol. 2)
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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

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

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
Engl. sample translation

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

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

A Gang of Ten
Erika Mann
12+ / 320 pages

English edition available
BACKLIST/single titles

**young adults**

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

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

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

  *Sold to: Russia*

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  Catharina Junk
  16+, 400 pages

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