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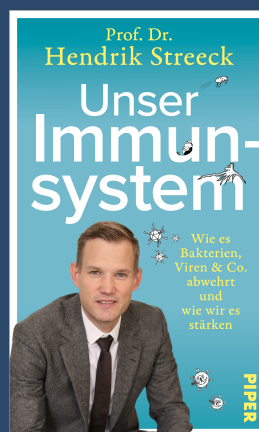
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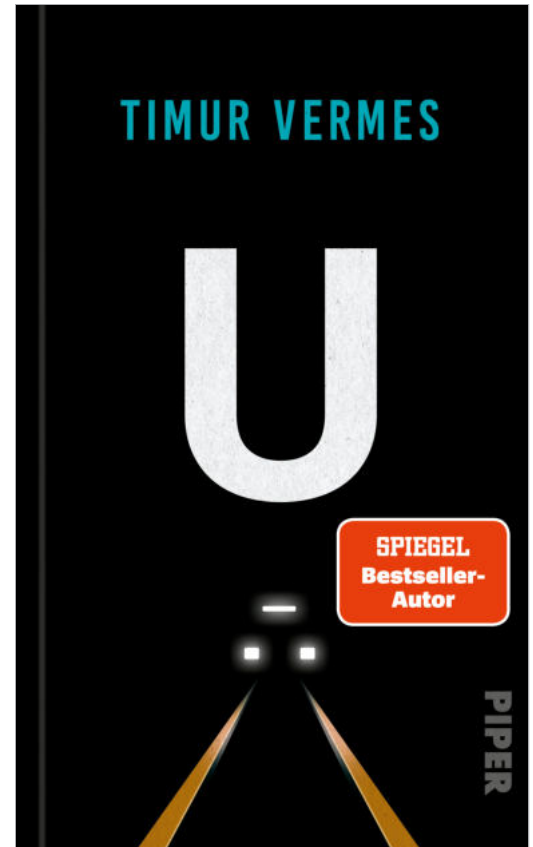
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A heart-stopping subterranean journey

ABOUT THE BOOK

A familiar everyday situation provides the starting point for an incredible story: after waiting endlessly for her delayed mainline train, the heroine has no choice but to catch the night U-Bahn. But the fallback soon turns into a nightmare. Once in motion, the train appears unstoppable, no longer passing through any stations. Together with a mysterious fellow passenger, she reluctantly attempts to escape from the speeding vehicle. One disaster follows hot on the heels of another, sending both heroine and reader on a terrifying odyssey. Timur Vermes proves himself to be a master of suspense.

- The latest masterstroke from mega-bestselling author Timur Vermes
- A ride on the U-Bahn takes an unexpected turn - storytelling at its filmic best
- **Look Who's Back** was published in more than 35 countries and sold more than 2 million copies



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Timur Vermes studied history and politics before becoming a journalist and ghost writer. His 2012 novel **Look Who's Back** ranks among Germany's most successful literary debuts. His second, **The Hungry and the Fat**, remained on the 2018 bestseller list for weeks.

ANGELIKA KLÜSSENDORF

The Thirty-Fourth of September

A penetrating masterpiece about the age of rage

ABOUT THE BOOK

A village in East Germany: Walter, a man with an anger problem, is killed on New Year's Eve by Hilde, his own wife. Yet shortly before meeting his end, he has a rush of gentleness and affection towards her. Cut to a cemetery: the dead are studying the living. Walter becomes the village chronicler, condemned to record the fates of its inhabitants. And he ponders the question why. What was the reason for Hilde's act? Was it hate or compassion?

The Thirty-Fourth of September is a moving novel that probes the abysses of our existence, painting a painfully recognisable picture of humanity. Angelika Klüssendorf writes with great power, precision and a hefty dose of black humour.

- A village as a microcosm for society — a great piece of writing with a strong contemporary relevance
- "Klüssendorf's art is the avoidance of any artificiality."
DER SPIEGEL
- "Experimental and humorous at the same time." *Die Zeit*

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Angelika Klüssendorf has published several volumes of short stories along with the novel **Life is Like That** and the popular and critically acclaimed trilogy of novels **The Girl, April** and **Years Later**, all of which were nominated - and in two cases shortlisted - for the German Book Prize. Her latest award to date is the Marie Luise Kaschnitz Prize (2019).

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CARSTEN HENN

The Story Baker

What are the ingredients of a good life?

ABOUT THE BOOK

In many ways, baking bread is like a dance. The rhythmic kneading of the dough, the twist of the hands and the sway of the hips all lend it elasticity. Ex-dancer Fanny – now temping at the village bakery – finds it fascinating to watch the Italian baker Giacomo at work. Though new to the job, she already plans to quit: the end of her career has thrown her life too much off course. After all, who is she if she can't dance? Who will love her if she can no longer shine on the stage? To her own surprise, however, Fanny comes to see the little bakery as far more than just a place of work, for it is here that she discovers the wisdom of a simple man, the joy of small things and the courage to embrace change.

- Soul food in book form – a lovingly written novel with a message
- Over 100,000 copies of Henn's **Books to Go on** sold
- Foreign rights of **Books to Go on** sold into 14 countries



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

After graduating, **Carsten Henn** worked as a radio presenter. He is now a freelance wine writer and restaurant critic, and has published a number of successful crime novels and romantic comedies. His novel **Books To Go On** remained on the SPIEGEL Top 10 bestseller list for months, winning readers' hearts and earning enthusiastic reviews.

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LINUS GESCHKE

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You think you know what's happened. You don't.

ABOUT THE BOOK

A chic penthouse apartment in Hamburg. Sarah and Marc, a couple in their early thirties, and their housemate Henning: three friends sharing their dreams. For three years, they have been a close-knit circle. Or so it seems. Until, one morning, Henning is found lying in a pool of his own blood, brutally murdered. All the clues point to Sarah and Marc. Did she kill him? Did he do it? Or was it a joint act? And what caused their once so strong affection to be destroyed overnight? Each of the three friends has their own story ... but only one of them is true. Or is it?

- Three is one too many.
- Each character has their own story – and their own abyss: a psychological thriller from bestselling author Linus Geschke
- For fans of Melanie Raabe



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Linus Geschke, born in 1970, lives in Cologne and has worked as a freelance journalist for various leading German magazines and newspapers, including *Spiegel Online* and the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*. He has received several journalism awards for his travel reportage. Between 2014 and 2019, Ullstein published his four-part series of crime novels about Cologne-based reporter Jan Römer, which is currently being filmed for German TV. His thriller **Tannenstein** (dtv, 2019) reached the Top 20 of the bestseller list. The follow-up volume, **Finsterthal**, will be published soon, while the conclusion of the trilogy is planned for early 2021. His thriller **Three** is his first standalone novel.

JULIANE STADLER

Kingdom of Heavens

Historical novel set in the time of the crusades

ABOUT THE BOOK

1189: craftsman's daughter Aveline joins the Third Crusade in the hope of gaining absolution for a grave sin. Circumstances force her to pose as an archer named Avery in order to join Emperor Barbarossa's army. When she is wounded outside Acre, a city passionately defended by Saladin's men under governor Karakush, she confides in Étienne, a young, crippled barber-surgeon. He keeps her secret and they fall in love, but their love proves dangerous when Aveline's past catches up with her. They soon realise that their worst enemy is not among the Saracens but within their own ranks.

- "Meticulously researched and grippingly written - Juliane Stadler's medieval epic **Kingdom of Heavens** is a historical novel in a class of its own!" *Daniel Wolf, author of THE SALT OF THE EARTH*
- In **Kingdom of Heavens** Juliane Stadler brings to life great battles, the lush panorama of the Middle Ages and the magic of devoted love
- Second historical novel **King of Knights** scheduled for publication in fall 2022



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Juliane Stadler studied early history, archaeology and ancient history in Heidelberg and wrote her doctoral thesis on Celtic burial rites. **Kingdom of Heavens** is her first novel, for which she researched travelling along Barbarossa's crusade route and in the Holy Land. She lives in the cathedral city of Speyer with her husband and two sons.

BERIT GLANZ

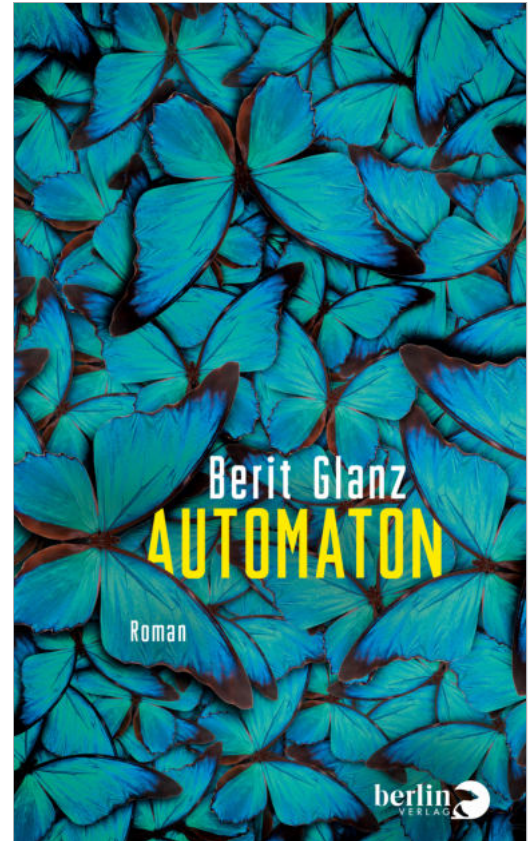
Automaton

A modern-day *Rear Window*

ABOUT THE BOOK

Tiff, a young mother, has to get by on poorly paid online jobs for the platform Automaton due to an anxiety disorder that makes her practically incapable of leaving the house. It is only when she witnesses a crime through her browser window and is forbidden to tell anyone about it that she finally begins to suspect the company of passing her labour off as AI and selling it at a high price. With a Hitchcockian mastery of suspense, Berit Glanz depicts a precarious shadow world behind the technology that dominates our everyday lives. A visionary novel that moves between the claustrophobic space of the protagonist's own four walls and the hemp fields of California, shining a light on new forms of exploitative relationship and opportunities for virtual solidarity.

- The precarious shadow world behind the glittering façade of the World Wide Web
- A gripping novel about the digitalisation of our lives and its consequences



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Berit Glanz, born 1982, studied theatre and Scandinavian studies in Munich, Stockholm and Reykjavík. She won the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Literature Prize in 2017. Her debut novel *Pixeltänzer* (2019) was nominated for the Aspekte Literature Prize and won the 2020 Hebbel Prize. In the same year, she was awarded the Bremer Net-zresidenz (virtual residency) for a project on AI technology. Further details at www.beritglanz.de.

JENS EISEL

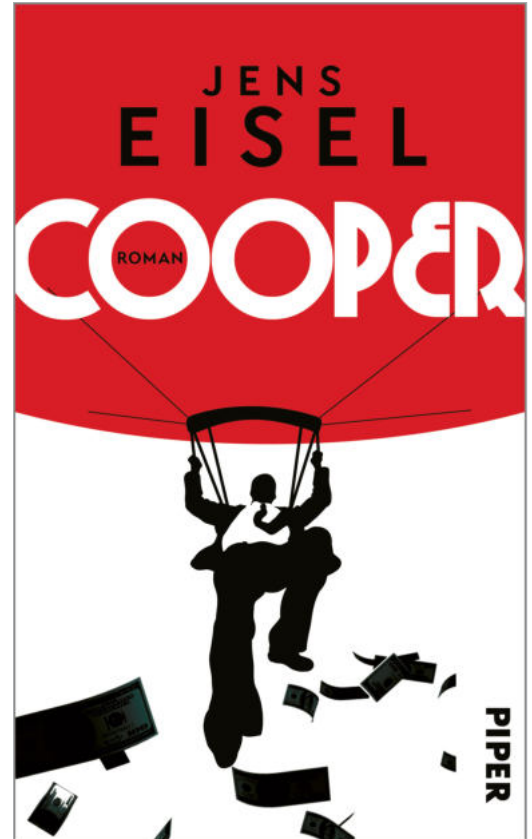
Cooper

USA, 1971: In the Land of Unlimited Opportunity

ABOUT THE BOOK

Among the passengers on a flight to Seattle is a man with a briefcase. He will go down in history as Dan Cooper, though his true identity will never be discovered. After extorting a large ransom with the aid of a homemade bomb, he parachutes out of the plane and disappears. In this book, Jens Eisel gives a sensitive account of a Vietnam veteran who risks everything in an attempt to start a new life – and of a crew who strain every sinew to ensure a peaceful outcome. A semi-documentary novel about the courage of a desperate man, the fading belief in America's future under Nixon, and the harshness of life.

- The story of America's most mysterious aircraft hijacking
- A Tarantino-like mix of criminal energy, tender-heartedness and extreme self-overestimation



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jens Eisel was born in 1980 and lives in Hamburg. After training as a locksmith, he was employed variously as a warehouse worker, caretaker and carer. After studying at the German Literature Institute in Leipzig, he won the Open Mike competition at the 2013 Berlin Literature Workshop and published a volume of short stories, along with the novel **Before It Gets Light**.

HENDRIK STREECK

Our Immune System

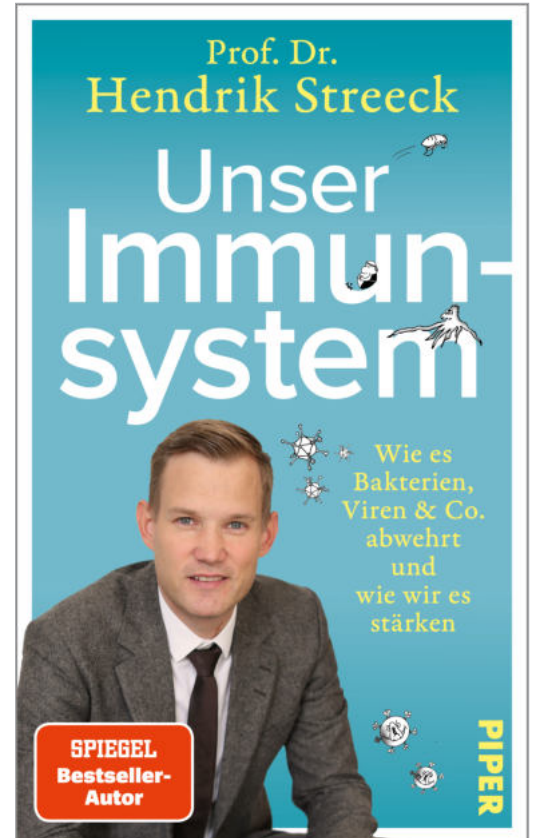
How it fights off bacteria, viruses & co. and how we can strengthen it

Where is our immune system located, why does it sometimes over-react, and how do we keep it intact? What are these things called antibodies, and what exactly is the difference between viruses and bacteria?

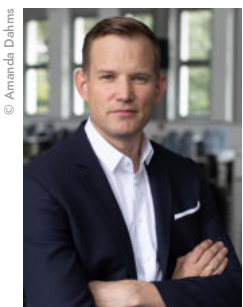
ABOUT THE BOOK

Hendrik Streeck presents a guide to our immune system that is scientifically sound yet perfectly accessible to the layman. He explains which pathogens trigger our body's alarm system, and why herpes viruses always break out just when we want to look our best. We learn how many bacteria live in our mouth, and why kissing is nevertheless good for our health; why we get a temperature, and why vaccines are necessary. Last but not least, there are self-help tips on boosting our body's defences. After all, without a functioning immune system, we simply couldn't survive.

- An easy-to-understand explanation of how our immune system works, and how to support it
- Hendrik Streeck has achieved international fame through his role in the fight against the novel coronavirus and his work on the Heinsberg case cluster study



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Prof. Hendrik Streeck MD is the Director of the Institute for Virology and HIV Research at Bonn University. He studied medicine at the Charité Berlin and gained a doctorate from the Friedrich Wilhelm University Bonn. From 2006-2009, he completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Partner AIDS Research Center and was assistant professor at the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard as well as assistant immunologist at Massachusetts General Hospital.

HAPE KERKELING

Paws Off the Table!

My cats, other cats, and me

Hape Kerkeling on the joy of feline companionship

ABOUT THE BOOK

Hape Kerkeling has been mad about cats from childhood. He was eight years old when Peterle padded softly into his life. Later, there was Samson, a laid-back tomcat with the sweetest of natures, and Spock, the orange tabby. Then came Anne – a real beauty and super-smart. Next was Bolli, the survival artist. And now it's black-and-white puss Kitty who rules the roost. Having shared more than half his life with cats, Hape knows that the affection we bestow on our four-legged friends is returned a hundred-fold. House cats have magical abilities: they understand us humans and expand our sensory awareness. A charming celebration of life with a feline companion: uplifting, enriching, and certainly never dull!

- Germany's most popular entertainer
- Readership of 6.5 million Hape Kerkeling fans
- Hape Kerkeling's bestseller **I'm Off Then** was published in fifteen languages



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hape (Hans-Peter) Kerkeling, who was born in 1964 and speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French and Dutch, has been working as a TV-entertainer since 1984. He has created a variety of shows and series and has received numerous awards including the Bambi- and Grimme Prizes. His book **I'm off then** (2006) about his travels along the Camino de Santiago was read by more than 5 million readers in 15 languages. His childhood story **The boy needs to get some fresh air** (2014) also reached an audience of millions. Both books were turned into successful movies. Hape Kerkeling lives in Bonn and Italy.

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STEFAN AUST, ADRIAN GEIGES

Xi Jinping

The most powerful man in the world

The stranger behind the smile

ABOUT THE BOOK

China continues to grow unstoppably, and has emerged stronger than ever from the Corona pandemic. Meanwhile, the West is sinking into crisis and chaos. The world's most powerful man is no longer the President of the USA, but Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Communist Party and President of China. How does a functionary with more combined power than anyone since Mao operate? How did he get where he is today, and what are his intentions for the future? What do his plans mean for us? Stefan Aust and Adrian Geiges paint a fascinating portrait of a personality whose influence touches all of our lives.

- Anyone who wants to understand China needs to know how Xi Jinping ticks
- A brilliant analysis by two top China experts



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Stefan Aust, born in 1946, is one of Germany's best-known journalists. His book **Baader-Meinhof. The Inside Story of the RAF** is considered a "classic" (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*). He is the founder of *Spiegel TV* and was editor-in-chief of *DER SPIEGEL* for thirteen years. Today he is the editor of *Die Welt*. Aust is one of the few journalists worldwide to have interviewed a Chinese head of state.

Adrian Geiges, born in 1960, lived as a TV correspondent in Moscow, Hong Kong, New York and Rio de Janeiro. In Shanghai, he was head of the subsidiary of a German corporation. Then he was the Beijing correspondent for *Stern* magazine for many years. He studied Chinese, is married to a Chinese, they raise their daughters bilingually. He is the author of numerous books.

DANIA SCHIFTAN

Keep It Coming

Good sex is a matter of practice

How to have a good sex life

ABOUT THE BOOK

Great sex? – In your dreams! What can you do when your sex drive has gone and you're just going through the motions? Or perhaps it's still alive and you know exactly what you want (and what you don't), but are unsure of how to go about it with your partner? The experienced sex therapist Dania Schifftan writes knowledgeably on the subject, using numerous case studies from her practice to demonstrate sensitive and effective ways to cultivate a new intimacy in bed. After all, sex between two people is like anything else: practice makes perfect. That way there are no obstacles that can't be overcome...

- Including numerous case studies and practical tips
- With infoboxes specifically for men
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dania Schifftan has a PhD in Sexology and is a psychotherapist with her own practice. Her work is based on the sexocorporal approach, which treats sexuality as something learned. As an expert on sex and partnership, she holds regular lectures. Dania Schifftan lives with her husband and two children in Zurich.

JOACHIM KÄPPNER

Soldiers of the Resistance

Strafdivision 999 - 1942 to 1945

The penal battalions of the *Wehrmacht*

ABOUT THE BOOK

The "other" soldiers were all those initially rejected by the *Wehrmacht* and deemed "unfit for military service" by the Nazis. Many were resistance fighters, detained in prisons or concentration camps. But Hitler's army commanders needed more and more soldiers, and so from 1942 onwards, the regime's opponents were forced to don the uniform of the hated Nazi state and go to war. But they never gave up the fight against the Nazis. In this book, Joachim Käppner tells the story of those men who stood up to the forces of evil – and who have been unjustly forgotten.

- A tale of uniformed resistance
- A vivid and fascinating account
- The unknown fates of the regime's opponents – richly illustrated and grippingly told by a SPIEGEL bestselling author



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Joachim Käppner is a political editor at the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. He has a PhD in history and has published several books. Recent titles are the popular biography **Berthold Beitz** (2010) and **1918 – The Freedom Revolution** (2017).