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## ABOUT KEIN & ABER

Kein & Aber, founded in 1997, is an independent publishing house based in Zurich and Berlin, which covers the whole German speaking market and stands for literary and quirky stories, intelligent entertainment and beautifully and lavishly designed books.

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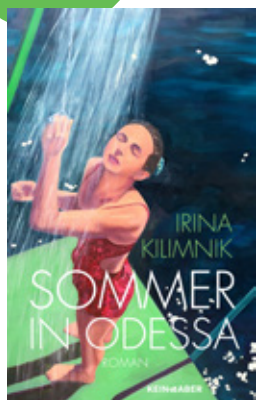
# FICTION

Irina Kilimnik

# SUMMER IN ODESSA

A remarkable novel about love, betrayal, and a Ukrainian summer in which the first major cracks become visible

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SOMMER IN ODESSA  
Kein & Aber, Februar 2023  
288 pages, Hardcover

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»The city passes us by, with its problems and hardships, with its beautiful facades that hide fear and insecurity, and with the people who both love and betray their neighbours.«

Irina Kilimnik's entertaining and emotive debut is about an unforgettable family and a city on the cusp of a new era.

Sometimes you only notice that the sky has long since darkened when you hear the rumble of thunder.

Together with her mother, her two aunts and three cousins, Olga lives in an all-female household, with the exception of her grandfather, who rules over everyone like a bad-tempered king. It's because of him that Olga has to study medicine – his instruction to her as the last-born girl. She manages to get through boring everyday life at uni only with the help of her Indian fellow student Radj and her best friend Mascha, who bring variety into her life. Things change when David, an old friend of her grandfather, shows up, carrying a long-kept secret. Olga soon suspects that it will turn her life completely upside down as soon as it comes to light. Will Olga get the opportunity to break out of her rigid structure? It's the summer of 2014, heat lies over the city, and carefree Odessa is facing a turning point.

»The wonderful thing about this novel by Irina Kilimnik is that it could be set only in Odessa and at the same time in any family in the world.« NDR KULTUR

## About the author

Irina Kilimnik was born in Odessa (Ukraine) in 1978 and came to Germany at the age of fifteen, where she later studied medicine and media publishing. She is the author of numerous essays, book reviews and short stories, was a participant in the 18<sup>th</sup> Klagenfurt Literature Course and won two prizes at the MDR Literature Competition. She lives in Berlin.

Manuel Butt

# SEAHORSES IN THE HANDS OF IDIOTS

A wild ride through the summer of 1996



ZIERFISCHE IN HÄNDEN  
VON IDIOTEN  
Kein & Aber, March 2023  
384 pages, Hardcover

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Climb aboard and travel through Europe in the summer of 1996 with Tobi and his friends. Between empty Aquarius cans and packs of vanilla vla, a mix of Macarena, Brit Pop and the ringing of the Nokia Communicator in your ears, you too will realise: Freedom lies beyond the limits you set for yourself.

Summer '96: Take That have split up, the world is dancing the Macarena, and Germany's national football coach Berti Vogts is fighting for professional survival at the European Championships. There are also problems in the Schleswig-Holstein province: Tobi's parents are going on a two-week holiday. Fourteen days in which Tobi wants to sleep with Lisa for the first time, his driving test is going to take place and he is supposed to take care of his father's seahorses. None of it will work out: Lisa breaks up with him, her best friend Georg is annoying, and Tobi's uncontrollable friend Scholzen moves in with him.

When Georg receives a message from his mother in London, who everyone thought was dead, the four of them decide to hijack their driving school car and travel from the Baltic Sea via the Netherlands to England. Without money, without a plan, but with seahorses in the boot.

»A hilarious novel from comedy writer Manuel Butt.« DONNA

»Really funny and worth reading!« RBB RADIOEINS

## About the author

Manuel Butt has been writing comedy for television for over twenty years. He wrote scripts for the series *Pastewka*, has been a writer for the *heute show* for ten years and won the German Comedy Award in 2018 as head writer of the satire show *Mann, Sieber!* Most recently he wrote for *LOL – Last One Laughing*. Manuel Butt lives in Berlin.



# Franziska Gänslar

## ETERNAL SUMMER

A searing debut

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EWIG SOMMER  
Kein & Aber, July 2022  
208 pages, Hardcover

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France (Ed. Astrid Franchet)  
Filmoption



© Linda Rosa Saal

An intense, enthralling and exciting debut about female solidarity and the question of how we can trust the people we find attractive.

When Iris took over the family hotel from her grandfather, Bad Heim was still a popular spa town. But now fierce forest fires rage in the area, spewing smoke into the air. The summers are dry and hot and never seem to end. Guests have become a rare sight. But suddenly, a young mother turns up with her small daughter and asks for a room. Something doesn't seem right about her. Does she need help? Or even pose a threat? Franziska Gänslar's debut conjures up the heat of the fires, the ashes falling on skin and the all-pervading smell of smoke. Yet you will want to stay with these women in this inhospitable place as they draw closer together and prepare to fight for their freedom.

»This book took my breath away! Franziska Gänslar tells a thrilling, poetic story about two women who have more in common than they think.«  
VERENA KESSLER

»If you want to read a gripping new novel, this is the book for you! It's fascinating how Franziska Gänslar keeps up the brooding atmosphere. An explosive story that – literally — burns itself onto your mind.«  
MAREIKE FALLWICKL

»Climate fiction, a tender love story and a meditation on whether to stay or go. A daring, profound book.« ARIADNE VON SCHIRACH

### About the author

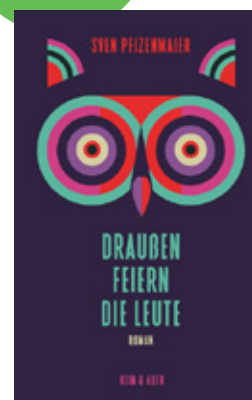
Franziska Gänslar, born 1987 in Augsburg, studied art and English studies in Berlin, Vienna and Augsburg. In 2020, she was shortlisted for the Blogbuster Prize and was a finalist of the 28<sup>th</sup> open mike. *Eternal Summer* is her debut novel. She lives in Vienna.

# Sven Pfizenmaier

## OUTSIDE THE PEOPLE ARE CELEBRATING

This novel will delight your imagination

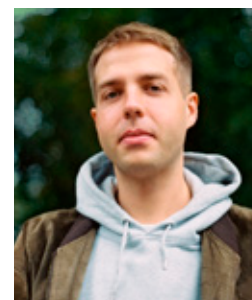
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»ASPEKTE«-  
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DRAUßEN FEIERN DIE  
LEUTE  
Kein & Aber, March 2022  
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An exuberant, bold and strident debut about living in the back country and being different in an environment that has no place for outsiders. And about an owl that peddles drugs.

A normal village in Lower Saxony: a traffic circle in the middle, the city bank next to it, and the annual Onion Festival in September. But not everyone here fits into the staid structure of village life. Timo, Valerie, and Richard have been outsiders since birth. As gradually more and more young people begin disappearing across the country, the three friends realize they might not be alone in their desire to run off and break free. Together they set off in search of the missing, but what they find is something they never could have expected.

»Sven Pfizenmaier is a magician and a world wanderer. His subtle, hypnotic, yet incredibly funny novel seems to speak directly to the subconscious.«  
ALINA BRONSKY, author of, among others, *Baba Dunja's Last Love* and *Barbara Doesn't Die*

»The author is like that ominous and charismatic person at a party, who spins story after story full of gossip, and you keep listening to him, even after the beer in your hand has gone stale.«  
PHILIPP WINKLER, author of *Hool*

### About the author

Sven Pfizenmaier, born in Celle in 1991, studied German and English philology in Berlin. He was an open mic candidate in 2018 and received a scholarship from Literaturwerkstatt Graz. His debut *Outside the People are Celebrating* is nominated for the lit.COLOGNE 2022 debut prize. Sven Pfizenmaier lives in Berlin.

Fabio Lanz

# THE GUILLOTINE

Sarah Conti's Second Case



DAS FALLBEIL, SARAH  
CONTI'S ZWEITER FALL  
Kein & Aber, Januar 2023  
368 pages, Hardcover

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Zurich's *Kunsthhaus* museum just won't settle down.

Sarah Conti's second case leads the investigator into the dark depths of Zurich's art scene. After the opening of an exhibition on the art of North Korean dissidents, the body of a woman is discovered in the new Chipperfield building of the Zurich *Kunsthhaus*.

The murder weapon: a provocative work of art.

The murder victim: a sharp-tongued cultural journalist who made more enemies than friends with her work.

The crime: an almost artistically staged execution.

The deeper Sarah Conti delves into the labyrinth of possible perpetrators, the more confusing the clues become. In her search for the murderer, the inspector is drawn into a world in which money and silence form an unholy alliance.



© Dominique Meienberg

## About the author

Fabio Lanz, born in Zurich, had a career in various fields before he discovered writing. He lives in Zurich and in Provence. The first volume of his Zurich crime series, *A Cold Heart* (2021) was recently published by Kein & Aber.

## By the same author

*A Cold Heart*, Sarah Conti's First Case, Kein & Aber, October 2021, 336 pages

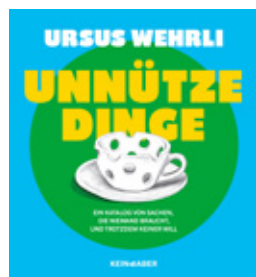
# NON-FICTION

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Ursus Wehrli

# USELESS THINGS

A catalogue of things that nobody needs and yet nobody wants



Ursus Wehrli  
UNNÜTZE DINGE  
Ein Katalog von Sachen,  
die niemand braucht und  
trotzdem keiner will  
Kein & Aber, März 2023  
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»My report would state: Mr Wehrli has an above-average interest in unnecessary things. I am particularly interested in things that have no purpose. I am always searching for the meaning in non-sense, trying to change the perspective or to question the circumstances. Or perhaps simply to defy rationality, efficiency and expedience. I have been surviving on that for quite a long time. And I thrive on it.«

I am sure you have never thought about why you don't have a table with a dent in it, a puddle for your living room or a shallow bathtub.

Here comes that book that you have managed to get by fine without: a book with a catalogue of things that you don't have and don't need.

»You often don't realise you are lacking something until you don't need it.« FROM KAZAKHSTAN

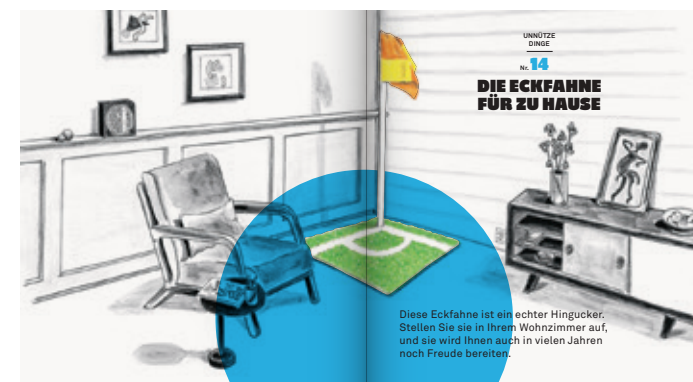
»If you don't like this book, then maybe you won't like another one either.« AMAZON.COM

»Nobody was waiting for this catalogue – now it is here!« DER VERLAG

## About the author

Ursus Wehrli was born in 1969. He is left-handed, a trained typographer and likes to change perspective. He has been touring between Wattwil, Basel, Berlin and New York for more than 30 years with Nadja Sieger as the comedy duo URSUS & NADESCHKIN. They have won several awards – most recently the New York Comedy Award, the Salzburger Stier and the Swiss Theatre Prize Hans-Reinhart-Ring. Wehrli works as a freelance stage and cabaret artist. Kein & Aber has published his previous books: *Kunst aufräumen* (2002), *Noch mehr Kunst aufräumen* (2004), *Die Kunst, aufzuräumen* (2011), *Heute habe ich beinahe was erlebt – ein Tagebuch* (2020) and *Welt aufräumen* (2021).

Excerpts from the book



FROM THE SAME AUTHOR

# TIDYING UP THE WORLD



Welt aufräumen  
Kein & Aber, October 2021  
48 pages, Hardcover

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Netherlands (De Harmonie)

The success story continues.

Life is messy. Luckily Ursus Wehrli keeps tidying it up. After *Tidying Up Art* and *The Art of Clean Up*, in which he organised art and everyday objects, Mr Wehrli now turns to fixing up the world! The world is sorted into religions, seasons by colour, and clouds according to size. Social structures are straightened up, political hierarchies levelled, and Wehrli's ingenious tidying up idea goes a step further, giving us a surprising, refreshing and new perspective on our everyday lives.

»An ingenious idea by a tidy Swiss writer.« DIE WELT



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Elke Heidenreich · Daniel Müller

# HOME STORIES

Animals through the keyhole



**Homestories**  
Tiere durchs Schlüsselloch  
beobachten  
Kein & Aber, März 2023  
112 pages, Hardcover

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Elke Heidenreich and Daniel Müller reveal the secret lives of animals

A crime-addicted mouse? A parrot with a mother complex? A duck with wanderlust? A love-struck okapi?

Elke Heidenreich and Daniel Müller have taken a look around the animal kingdom, dared to look through the keyhole and discovered: animals are personalities, too, with everyday concerns and secret dreams.

For the first time, Daniel Müller's animals show themselves in their previously hidden environment, and Elke Heidenreich wittily and charmingly reveals backgrounds and secret longings.

»An entertaining gem made of paper that will inspire the imagination of young and old.« *STYLE MAGAZINE – NZZ AM SONNTAG*

»Conclusion: a big appreciative meow.« *NÜRNBERGER ZEITUNG*

»An extremely successful example of how visual arts and literature can mutually enrich each other.« *BR*

## About the authors

Elke Heidenreich worked many years as a freelancer for radio and television where she hosted various talk shows. She also wrote numerous television plays and series. She is a sought-after literary critic and a successful book author.



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Daniel Müller was born in Baden in 1964 and studied at the School of Applied Arts in Lucerne and at the Zurich School of Design. His work can be found in various magazines and books. Kein & Aber has published several books containing his illustrations. [www.illumueller.ch](http://www.illumueller.ch)

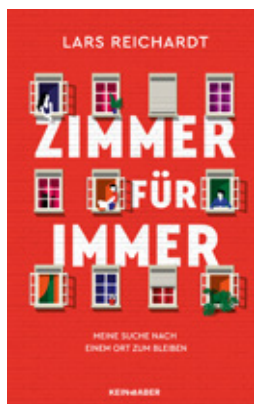
## Excerpts from the book



Lars Reichardt

# A FOREVER ROOM

My search for a place to stay



ZIMMER FÜR IMMER  
Meine Suche nach einem  
Ort zum Bleiben  
Kein & Aber, April 2023  
256 pages, Hardcover

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## How do we want to live?

Sounds idyllic: a small house on the outskirts of Munich with its own garden. This is where Lars Reichardt lives together with a variety of quaint residents in a shared-living arrangement: Birgit is an entomologist, Li from China is young and fashion-conscious, Rudi is a prominent rock video producer from Austria.

What other living concepts might there be for someone who does not want to live as a small family unit or as a single person? This is a question many people ask themselves today in the face of overpriced rents and increasing isolation. Lars Reichardt looks at various models: an aging commune in Italy, a self-sufficient village that operates in a socially fair and ecologically sustainable manner, a Jesuit community, a multi-cultural housing cooperative and a two-woman flat-sharing arrangement, united by the fact that they were both married to the same man. He speaks to an architect and real estate developer – all of this to inspire us with new ideas.

With regard to the question of how we live, there is a remarkable lack of imagination. Is there really nothing beyond being a couple, a family or a single person? An inspiring excursion into other living models.

### About the author

Lars Reichardt studied philosophy and works for the *Magazin* of the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. His first novel *Barbara. Das sonderbare Leben meiner Mutter Barbara Valentin* was published in 2018. He lives in Munich.

Anuschka Roshani

# GLOW

How LSD cured me for life



GLEISSEN  
Kein & Aber, October 2022  
176 pages, Hardcover

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© Noë Flum

Anuschka Roshani recounts her extraordinary journey to the furthest reaches of her consciousness.

Curious about the renaissance in LSD research, Anuschka Roshani began to look into it herself. She found out how promising LSD is today as a medication for depression and anxiety disorders – but also why it was ostracized for over half a century. Suddenly, an opportunity arose for a radical self-experiment: as a test person, she was able to take several LSD trips under medical supervision. Naive and bold in equal measure, she plunged headlong into an exploration of her ego. From then on, her whole life changed, and euphoric serenity became a constant companion.

»Absolutely worth reading.« ANNABELLE

»An honest book and a pleasure to read.« PSYCHOLOGIE HEUTE

### About the author

Anuschka Roshani studied behavioural biology and attended the Henri Nannen School of Journalism before working as an editor and reporter at *Spiegel* for many years. Born in Berlin, she has lived with her family in Zurich since 2002. She is the editor of Truman Capote's collected works, published by Kein & Aber. In 2018, her debut book *Accomplices* was published.

### By the same author

*Accomplices*, Kein & Aber, March 2018, 256 pages



Annabelle Hirsch

# A HISTORY OF WOMEN IN 100 OBJECTS

A walk through female history



DIE DINGE. EINE  
GESCHICHTE  
DER FRAUEN IN 100  
OBJEKTEN  
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France (Les Arènes)  
Italy (Garzanti)

What do handprints on early cave paintings tell us about the role of women in hunting? What does a mobile phone have to do with femicides? Or Kim Kardashian's diamond ring with Elena Ferrante?

There are countless ways to tell the history of women, and this book does it through objects. Hirsch takes a hundred everyday objects both subtle and bold from the areas of fashion, medicine and art that testify to women's desire for freedom and their rebellious acts. But they also represent the myths and norms that have long been used to reduce their power. Annabelle Hirsch creates a cosmos of women and their belongings. We encounter an ancient Amazonian doll, a Lilith amulet, the nun's crown of Hildegard von Bingen, Venetian stilts, a bidet, a hunger strike medal, a plate belonging to Vanessa Bell, an American slave's cotton bag, Hannah Arendt's brooch, a »100 km/h coat«, a Tupperware box and much more.

»Such an effervescent source of feminist history has been missing in my shelf! This book is wonderfully inspiring, but above all, it shows that we've always existed!« MARIA-CHRISTINA PIWOWARSKI

»A fantastic cabinet of curiosities that rethinks the role of women in history. Educational, funny – a joy!« LEILA SLIMANI

»I love this book. Annabelle Hirsch tells a new feminist history of the world in a stirring, provocative and carefully researched way.« LAUREN ELKIN



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## About the author

Annabelle Hirsch, born in 1986, has German and French roots. She studied art history, dramatics and philosophy in Munich and Paris, and worked as a freelance journalist for FAS and FAZ, ZeitOnline, and several other magazines. She writes short stories and translates French literature. She lives in Paris, Rome, and Berlin.

## Excerpts from the book



Mikael Krogerus · Roman Tschäppeler

# COLLABORATING

A guide to achieving great things together



ZUSAMMENARBEITEN  
Kein & Aber  
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More is more.

When we collaborate, everything works out better. Even a lone wolf needs a team to help get started, contribute, review, improve and press ahead.

When it comes to collaboration, we immediately think of meetings, team building, roles, communication and feedback. All of this is valid and vital – but there's actually much more to it. Collaboration consists of some fundamental issues that are rarely talked about:

How do I work with people I don't like?

How do we make group decisions if not everyone has the same opinion?

Do we need a boss?

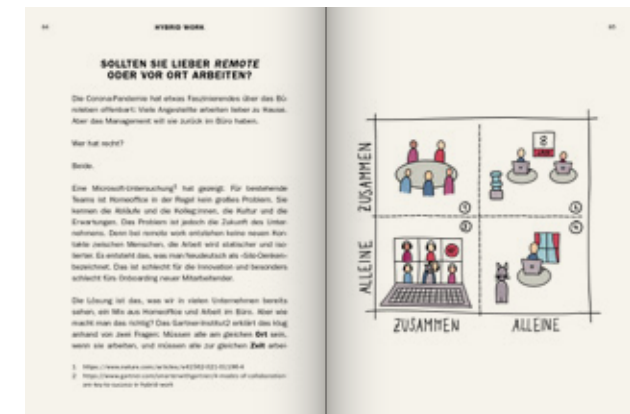
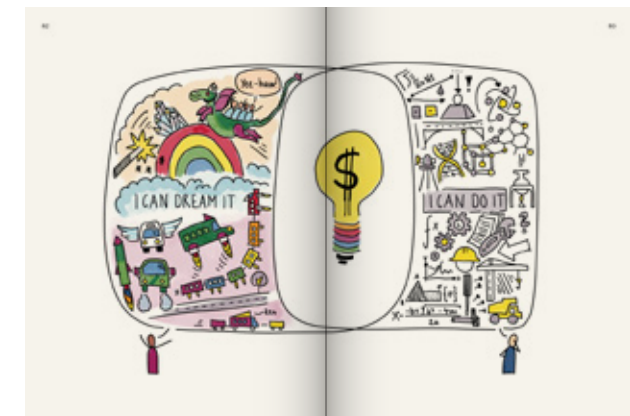
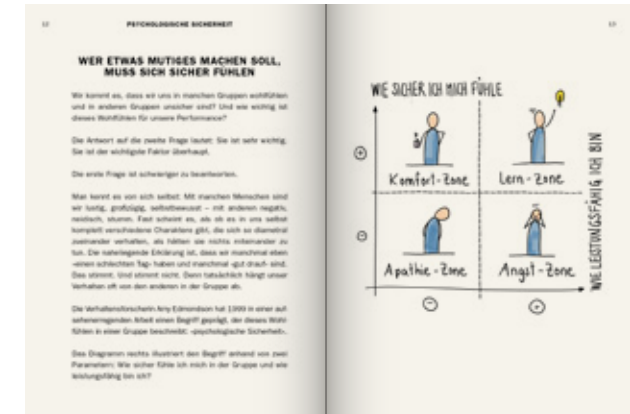
Hardly anyone learns how to form a team from a group of people. Or how to get better or stay good. Or how to grapple with conflicts without hurting the other person. Or how to celebrate successes and overcome crises. With this book, you can start collaborating properly.

»Everyone will find enlightening tips for everyday life here. That's a promise.« BADISCHE ZEITUNG

## About the authors

Mikael Krogerus, born in Stockholm, and Roman Tschäppeler, born in Bern, completed their studies at the Kaospilot School in Denmark in 2003. Mikael Krogerus writes as an editor for *Das Magazin* of the *Tages-Anzeiger*, while Roman Tschäppeler conceives and produces films, cultural projects and campaigns.

Excerpts from the book





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Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

# WHERE THE WOLF LURKS

Our kids are the biggest mystery of our lives

AN  
INTERNATIONAL  
BESTSELLER



WO DER WOLF LAUERT  
Kein & Aber, July 2021  
352 pages, Hardcover

Original Hebrew title  
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Lilac Schuster lives the American dream: A house with a pool in the heart of Silicon Valley, a husband who is a CEO of an Israeli-US start-up, and a son whom she dearly loves. But then, Jamal Jones, a classmate of Adam's, collapses and dies at a party. It is only later that Lilac learns that Jamal had been bullying her son. Lilac's concern about her son turns into a disturbing uneasiness: Maybe Jamal's death wasn't an accident after all? Lilac sets off on a detective trail after her own son. Her journey leads her to Annabella Jones, Jamal's mother. The encounter between these very different women is a source of resentment, but also of compassion and grace. As the tension between them surges, the two mothers are looking for truth and forgiveness.

A novel of psychological ingenuity about how the people we think we know best often remain the biggest mystery to us – our children.

»WHERE THE WOLF LURKS is a daring novel, that is asking us not just what we know about our own children but what we are willing to discover about ourselves.« DROR MISHANI

»WHERE THE WOLF LURKS is not a thriller. But it's extremely thrilling. Human beings are thrilling when Ayelet Gundar-Goshen is the one writing about them.« ESHKOL NEVO

»Gundar-Goshen is adept at instilling emotional depth.« NEW YORK TIMES



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## About the author

Ayelet Gundar-Goshen is an Israeli writer and psychologist. She is bestselling author of the novels *One night*, *Markovitch*, *Liar* and *Waking Lions*, the latter is being adapted for a TV series in the US. She has written a number of screenplays, and her articles have been featured in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *The Guardian*. Her work has been translated into 16 languages. After having lived in California, Ayelet Gundar-Goshen now lives in Tel Aviv again.

## Awards

*Waking Lions* is included in New York Times' 100 Notable Books of 2017.  
Jewish Quarterly Wingate Prize (UK, 2017)  
French WIZO Prize (2017)  
ADEI-WIZO Prize (Italy, 2016) Berlin Today Award for the screenplay of the short film *Batman at the Checkpoint* (Berlin, 2012)  
Sapir Prize for Debut Fiction (2012)  
IEMed European Short Story Competition (Barcelona, 2010), 2nd prize  
Gottlieb Screenplay Prize (2010)

## By the same author

### *Liar*

Ha-Schakranit we ha-Ir (Achuzat Bayit), 2017  
Sold to: England, USA, Italy, Netherlands, France, Korea, Russia, Slovakia, Greece, Portugal, Spain, Germany

### *Waking Lions*

Leha'ir Arajot, 2014 (Kinneret, Zmora-Bitan, Dvir Publishing House)  
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Max Küng

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Three families, nine people, together on vacation in France. The goal: to turn strangers into friends. But is it really that simple? With plenty of charm, wit and a keen eye, Max Küng writes about the smooth exterior of an imposed kindred spirit and stares deep into the abyss of what first appear to be fine cracks.

On the one hand, the invitation sounds perfect. Six days in a holiday cottage in France. A break from everyday routine, rounded off by apple-picking in the orchard, and homemade apple juice to take back home. On the other hand, the parents of Laurent, Quentin and Denis only know each other from parents' evenings. No wonder that behind the façade of this perfect holiday idyll, emotions quickly begin to seethe. Might the hosts Jean and Jacqueline have ulterior motives with their invitation? What about the strangely chilly mood between Bernhard and his wife, Veronika? Is Filipp as good a partner to his girlfriend Salome as his attractive appearance suggests? And what's with all the weird goings-on that even the perfectionist Jean can no longer ignore?

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## About the author

Max Küng, born in 1969 in Maisprach near Basel, has been a reporter and columnist at the *Tages-Anzeiger* magazine since 1999. He has also been a DJ, amateur racing cyclist and theatre musician. Most recent publications are his column collection *Saving Things* and his novel *When You Leave the House, the Bad Luck Begins*. Max Küng lives in Zurich.

Pippo Pollina

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How a secret changes two lives forever



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A profound novel about family, identity and dislocation that depicts how organized crime has been able to take hold of the very core of society and how much courage is needed to take a stand against it.

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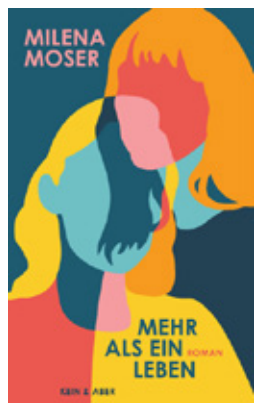
## About the author

Pippo Pollina, born in 1963 in Palermo, visited a conservatoire and studied law. Early on, he engaged himself in the Anti-Mafia Movement and worked for the magazine *I Siciliani*, which was founded by Giuseppe Fava. After Fava was murdered by the Mafia, Pollina left Sicily in 1985, and traveled the world as a street musician. Pollina, who is a long-time resident of Zurich, has earned numerous awards for his musical work, has recorded several albums and has performed on many big stages. *The Other* is his first novel.

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Milena Moser

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A complex and compelling book that explores the question of identity: How much of it is actually determined by ourselves, and how much is conditioned by the people around us and the decisions we take.

Helen's childhood is anything but carefree. Her mother processes her separation from Helen's father Luc primarily with alcohol, while Luc prefers to devote himself over to his job and an ever-changing series of girlfriends, rather than face up to his responsibilities. As a result, Helen learns sooner than she'd like how to get ready for kindergarten on her own, and how to cover for her mother's outburst in front of neighbors. Fortunately, there's also the Esposito family and their son Frank, who holds Helen's hand and shares his packed lunch with her.

One day, when Luc claims custody, Helen is faced with a fundamental decision. In what direction will her life go? Will she become successful, married to her sandbox lover, but burdened by a guilt that clouds the happiness of her own family? Or does she want to run far, far away – finally seize independence, try new things, and reinvent herself? After all, you only live once – right?

## About the author

Milena Moser, born in Zurich in 1963, is one of Switzerland's most successful writers. In 2015 she emigrated to Santa Fe and now lives in San Francisco.

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*The Beautiful Live of the Dead*, Kein & Aber, March 2018, 176 pages  
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Simone Meier

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Valerie is in her mid-50s; Luca is not yet 20. She is becoming increasingly bored by the trials and tribulations of love. For him, it is all happening for the first time. She wants less of everything whereas he just wants everything. Valerie is a journalist whose eloquent articles sometimes stretch the truth; Luca is a school drop-out, who prefers doing casual holiday work to flying to Mallorca. The world-weary cynic meets the impassioned idealist through Lucas' father, who is Valerie's best friend. And then a girl turns up in one of Valerie's articles who suddenly becomes very present in Luca's life.

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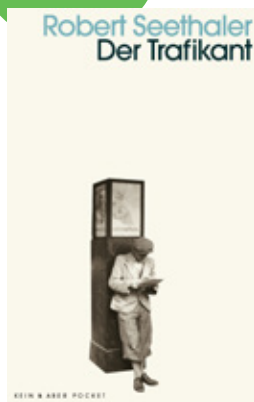
## About the author

Simone Meier, born in 1970, is an author and journalist. After studying German, American studies and art history, she worked as a culture journalist, first at the *WochenZeitung*, then at the *Tages-Anzeiger* and since 2014 at *watson*. She has won various prizes and scholarships. Her novels *Flesh* and *Kiss* have both been published by Kein & Aber. She is also the co-editor of *Hemingway's Sexy Legs*, the book that emerged from #dichterdran, which caught the world's imagination like wildfire. Simone Meier lives and writes in Zurich.

Robert Seethaler

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## About the author

Robert Seethaler, born in Vienna in 1966, was awarded the Buddenbrookhaus Debut Prize in 2007 for his novel *Die Biene und der Kurt*. He has received numerous grants, including the Alfred Döblin Fellowship of the Academy of Arts. In 2008, his second novel *Die weiteren Aussichten* was published. *Jetzt wirts ernst* was published in 2010, followed in 2012 by the bestseller *Der Trafikant*, which was made into a movie 2018 with Bruno Ganz in the leading role. Robert Seethaler lives and writes in Vienna and Berlin.

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## About the author

Takis Würger, born in 1985, was a reporter for the news magazine *Der Spiegel* and reported from Afghanistan, Libya and Iraq. His reportages won him numerous awards, including the German Reporter Award and the CNN Journalist Award. At the age of 28, he quit his job as a reporter and went to England to study the history of ideas at Cambridge University, where he was boxing for Cambridge University Amateur Boxing Club and became a member of various student clubs. He has committed no crimes.



Lukas Linder · Leonie Rösler

# THE ART OF A GOOD WEEK

Create your own personal memory book



DIE KUNST DER GUTEN WOCHE  
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Once a week you should pause, consider your highs and lows and reflect on the bygone days: This book helps with entertaining short texts, briefings, and amusing and creative tasks for each week.

Life never stops dragging us by the nose with its deadlines. Everything passes by so quickly that we can hardly tell the difference between an appointment for dental hygiene and our own wedding day. You might consider pausing and shouting »carpe diem« – but life doesn't understand Latin. That's where this book comes in: In 52 cheerful and ironic sections structured around the weeks of the year, the author coaches us, taking a close look at every occasion that can arise in our lives – from big themes and existential dramas, to living, loving and dying, to everyday stupidity. The chapters are addressed directly to the particular owners of the book, who are invited to report on the highs and lows of their own week. Each dialog is supplemented by a weekly task. In this way, the book becomes an individual memory book, where the very personal aspects of your unique life meet with general universal truths, and creative forces are released.

## About the authors

Lukas Linder, born 1984, studied German language and literature, and philosophy. He is a playwright who has written for Theater Basel, among others, and has been awarded several prizes, including the Kleist Prize, the Audience Award of the Heidelberg Stückemarkt, and the 2021 Kassel Prize for Comic Literature. He has written two novels *The Last of My Kind* (2018) and *The Unfinished* (2020), both published by Kein & Aber. He lives in Lodz.



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Leonie Rösler, born in 1994, lives and works in Basel as an illustrator and comic artist. In addition to commissioned work, she draws comics for magazines and publishes her own titles. In spring 2020, she won a sponsorship grant from German-speaking Swiss cities for her comic *Wen kratzt Ava?*, which she is currently working on.

## Excerpts from the book





Nina Kunz

# I THINK I THINK TOO MUCH

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## About the author

Nina Kunz was born in Zurich in 1993, studied social and economic history and has worked as a columnist and journalist for *Das Magazin* since 2017. Her texts are published in the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, the *ZEIT* and *ZEITmagazin*. In 2018 she was awarded with the title Columnist of the Year.

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Heike Faller is an editor at *ZEITmagazin*, had the idea for these books when she looked at her new-born niece and imagined all that she had ahead of her. She herself is 46ish and feels she is still learning brand new things about life.

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