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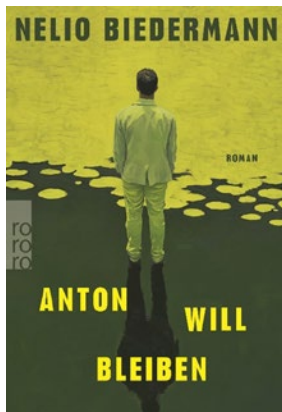
# Nelio Biedermann

# ANTON WANTS TO STAY

Original title  
Anton will bleiben

Original publisher  
Arisverlag, 2023  
245 pages

  
German (Pocket) Rowohlt



The stunning debut of the celebrated author of LÁZÁR

**“It is a powerful, wise book that captures the gloom and melancholy of its underlying theme in cheerful, light, and fresh languages”**

—Zürcher Tagblatt

Anton is a widower, retired, and lets his days pass in quiet equanimity. Until he learns that he doesn't have much longer to live. Who will one day remember him? Because it is never too late, and every day can hold as much meaning as an entire life, Anton gathers all his ambition. To leave behind something that will outlast him. He begins to write a book, to take photographs, to paint. And he comes to understand more and more that everything which brings him joy is fleeting and transient. The seagull and the dove at his window, which he adopts as pets. The closeness to Katharina, the beautiful actress, and the long conversations by the sea with the young existentialist who doubts everything so deeply that he no longer wants to live. As the two become friends, they realize what they can learn from one another—what makes life worth living.

A novel about transience and time, and above all a story about friendship and the courage to begin anew.

Nelio Biedermann was born in 2003 and grew up near Zurich. On his father's side, his family comes from Hungarian nobility; his grandparents fled to Switzerland in the 1950s. His unpublished collection of short stories won awards from the canton of Zurich and his debut novel *Anton will bleiben* was published in 2023 and was well received. Nelio is studying German literature and film at the University of Zurich. His second novel *LÁZÁR* is being translated into 20 languages.



**“A young man trying to put himself in an old man's shoes – you might think that can only go wrong. But that's exactly what 20-year-old Nelio Biedermann did – and with great success”**

—SonntagsBlick

Praise for Nelio Biedermann:  
**“A great literary talent”**—WDR 4

**“A young man who is already causing a sensation at a young age – and who we will continue to hear a lot about.”**—SRF



# LÁZÁR

#1 national and #5 SPIEGEL bestseller

Nominated for the Swiss Book Award 2025 and shortlisted for the 2025 Favorite Book of Independent Booksellers

100'000 copies in print within four weeks of publication

LÁZÁR is a masterfully atmospheric fairytale-esque novel about a noble Hungarian family and their decline over generations, set around the family's castle adjoining a menacing wooded forest. Their story is steeped in tragedy and recurring trauma, but also a story of love and, ultimately, hope. Told in a way that feels both modern and timeless, with a little nod to Garcia Marquez and the Buddenbrooks, it is a highly impressive work for an author of **any age!**



# Nelio Biedermann

# LÁZÁR



## Original title

Lázár

## Original publisher

Rowohlt Berlin, 2025  
336 pages

Full English translation  
available.

English (NA) Summit Press

English (UK) Quercus

French Belfond

Danish People's Press

Spanish Salamandra

Dutch Atlas Contact

Romanian Trei

Hungarian Scolar

Catalan Edicions62

Croatian Fraktura

Hebrew Achuzat Bayi

Norwegian Cappelen

Damm Slovak Ikar

Czech Postor

Brazil Record

Polish Marginesy

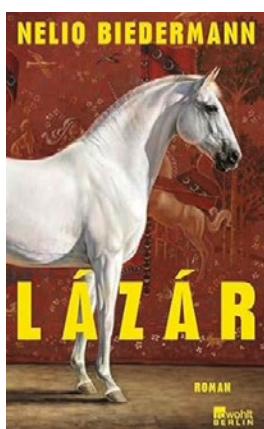
Greek Metahmio

Latvian Tanapaev

Portuguese Bertrand

Editora

Italian Guanda



**"Lázár is an astonishing book – a multi-generational family story filled with deeply original characters and gripping scenes, at times realistic, at times disturbingly dreamlike [...] A truly great writer steps onto the stage, in full possession of his powers"**

–Daniel Kehlmann

*"The snow of the dying century still lay on the edge of the dark forest when Lajos von Lázár, the translucent child with water-blue eyes, first glimpsed the man he would believe to be his father for his whole life and beyond."*

Everything begins, even the end, when Lajos von Lázár, the blond child with water-blue eyes, is born. To his father, the Baron, this son will always remain unsettling, as if he sensed the boy knew his secret. With Lajos's birth in the castle deep in the woods, the 20th century also dawns, a century that will forever change the old life of the Lázár barons in southern Hungary. The fall of the Habsburg Empire first touches only their traditions, but everyone feels the tremors of the times, Mária the beauty as well as the ghostly Uncle Imre. When Lajos takes on his inheritance in the 1920s, the old splendor seems to blossom once more. But the children Éva and Pista – who is drawn to the darkness – must experience how totalitarian times cast their heavy shadows and learn how to resist them.

A novel like a world of its own, the overwhelming saga of a family driven by love and the longing for it, swept along by the currents of the 20th century. Gripping and moving, at the same time full of lightness, dreams, and secrets, in which the whole tragedy and beauty of existence are reflected. And – whether in the face of historical catastrophes or on beautiful summer days – the eternal question remains of how one should live.



**"The new magician [...] A magnificent work [...] megalomaniacal in the best sense of the word [...] Such broad horizons, the splendour and misery of an entire era, but created through precise condensation."** –Die Zeit

**"A page-turner of the highest order [...] a masterful storytelling talent."**

–Süddeutsche Zeitung

**"Moving and emotive [...] atmospheric and vivid."**

–SRF Podcast Literaturclub

**"One is carried away by the sparkling language [...] Epic, tragic and traumatic, stormy, wistful and very romantic [...] Magic pervades "Lázár"."**

–Tagesanzeiger

**"Nelio Biedermann presents himself as a young writer who allows his characters their mysteries [...] which, ultimately, can create the magic of great literature."**

–Frankfurter Allgemeine  
Sonntagzeitung



# COLD CREMATORIUM

reporting from the Land of Auschwitz

"COLD CREMATORIUM is an indispensable work of literature, and an historical document of unsurpassed importance. It should be required reading."

—Jonathan Safran Foer

"A timely reminder of man's inhumanity to man - especially for the young generation."

—Jung Chang, international bestselling author of *Wild Swans*

"An immensely powerful and deeply humane eyewitness account of the horror of the camps. Through vivid descriptions of what he saw and experienced there, Debreczeni confronts the reader with the hell that the Holocaust was; not as something general belonging to history, but as a particular, concrete and devastating reality."

—Karl Ove Knausgaard, author of *My Struggle*

"József Debreczeni was a journalist and a poet and he brings the skills of both to this remarkable work. *Cold Crematorium* will awe you with the acuity of its observations and the precision and beauty of its language. It should be read by everyone wishing to understand the cruelty and barbarism of the Shoah, but also the indomitable spirit of its survivors."

— Ehud Barak, Former Prime Minister of Israel

"Brilliantly written, meticulously translated, *COLD CREMATORIUM* offers us access into the dark world of the Holocaust that is distinct in its power and poignancy. As one who has explored that world for some half a century, I came away tutored and moved. Debreczeni has much to say, more to teach!"

—Michael Berenbaum, former United States Holocaust Museum Project Director, author of *The World Must Know: The History of the Holocaust*

József Debreczeni



# József Debreczeni

# COLD CREMATORIUM

## Reporting from the Land of Auschwitz



### Original title

Hideg Krematórium

### Original publisher

Testvériség-Egység, 1950



National Jewish Book  
Award Finalist

Shortlisted for the Win-  
gate Prize

One of the New York  
Times Book Review's 10  
Best Books of 2024



English NA St. Martin's Press

English UK: Jonathan Cape

German Fischer

French Stock

Spanish Debate

Catalan La Magrana

Dutch Arbeiderspers

Italian Bompiani

Hungarian Jelenkor/Libri

Brazilian Companhia das Letras

Finnish Like

Portuguese Bertrand Editora

Czech Euromedia

Romanian Trei

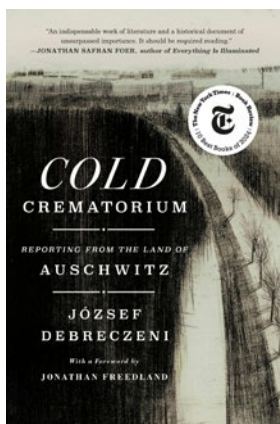
Russian Eksmo

Swedish Lind&Co

Danish People's Press

Korean Gom

Polish Filia



**"A treasure... Debreczeni's memoir is  
a crucial contribution to Holocaust  
literature, a book that enlarges our  
understanding of 'life' in Auschwitz."**

—Wall Street Journal

A breath-taking discovery – a lost masterpiece of Hungarian literature.

COLD CREMATORIUM is an exceptional, literary piece of narrative non-fiction, a chronic from "the Land of Auschwitz" as Debreczeni coins it, written under the immediate impression of what he had experienced, rendered in superb language and sober tone avoiding any sentimentality, thus making for a truly haunting reading experience. One reviewer called it *"the harshest, most merciless indictment of Nazism ever written."* Its quality as an eye-witness account as well as a literary piece is immeasurable. In a cold, almost emotionless, analytical style Debreczeni examines the true nature of the camps, the mechanisms of slavery, the camps' social order, and the ways in which it constantly stripped people of their humanity. There is no familiarity, no comfort, no community, no heroism. *"Selfishness rules the primeval forest of filth and lice."*

Published originally in Hungarian in 1950 in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, this shattering account is one of the first – maybe even the first work Holocaust literature published in communist Eastern Europe, moreover, openly acknowledging the specificity and enormity of the Nazi genocide against the Jews.

József Debreczeni was the pen name of József Bruner, a prolific Hungarian-language writer and journalist in the Yugoslav region of Vojvodina and in Hungary. He was born in Budapest in 1905 and died in Belgrade in 1978. Debreczeni's works include novels, poetry collections, and plays. He was an editor of the Hungarian daily *Napló* and of the illustrated weekly *Únnep*. After the war he was a contributor to the Hungarian media in the Yugoslav region of Vojvodina, both for the daily *Magyar Szó* and for Radio Novi Sad, as well as leading Belgrade newspapers. Debreczeni was awarded the Híd (Bridge) Prize, the highest distinction in Hungarian literature in the former Yugoslavia.



**"As immediate a confrontation of the horrors of the camps as I've ever encountered. Debreczeni has preserved a panoptic depiction of hell, at once personal, communal and atmospheric."**

—New York Times

**"By the end of his remarkable set of observational writings, the word 'worse' has lost all meaning."**

—The Guardian

**"A literary diamond...A holocaust memoir worthy of Primo Levi."**

—The Times

# Aris Fioretos

# THE THIN GODS

Original title  
De Tunna Guardana

Original publisher  
Norstedts, 2022  
500 pages



English translation  
sample available



Of Greek and Austrian extraction, **Aris Fioretos** was born and raised in Sweden. Apart from fiction and essays, he has published studies on Friedrich Hölderlin, Paul Celan, and Nelly Sachs, and translated early works by Paul Auster, ten novels by Vladimir Nabokov, and contemporary poetry by Jo Shapcott and Jan Wagner. Among numerous international awards – e.g. Swedish Radio's Nobel Prize, the Jeanette Schocken Prize, the Kellgren and Essay Prizes of the Swedish Academy – Fioretos has received the Order of Merit from the Federal Republic of Germany. From 2004 to 2007, he was Sweden's cultural attaché in Berlin, between 2012 and 2019 vice president of the German Academy. Since 2022, he is also a member of the Akademie der Künste in Berlin. He has received several fellowships, e.g. from The Getty Center, DAAD Künstlerprogramm and American Academy, both in Berlin, as well as All Souls College, Oxford. He lives in Stockholm with his wife, who is a gallerist, and his daughter.



**"Masterful. A concept album in a class of its own."**

—Deutschlandfunk

**The story is brittle and beautiful. Fioretos has always been a masterful narrator."**

—Expressen

*"I feel a strong and sinewy liberation in writing about people from other circumstances, whose experiences I have not had, perhaps cannot have. The satisfaction I get from learning what is foreign to me is that much deeper. Literature about myself? No, thank you. I want out of my skin."*

Ache Middler – aging rock musician in exile, ill of health – receives a letter from the woman he spent a night with twelve years ago. It's the second time she's writing, now as then about the daughter she had. The woman asks him to examine himself "inside and out". In twenty letters to his unknown child, Ache describes proud dreams. The years of hunger. His recklessness. What happens if everything in life can become art? Is loneliness the price of independence? How do you live with a past that doesn't go away?

A novel about longing and vulnerability, nerves and electricity, *The Thin Gods* takes us from an imaginary Alaska to downtown New York, from Thatcherite London and Berlin after 9/11 to a refugee camp on Europe's south-eastern edge, and possibly to both hell and heaven. This is the life-story of a person set aflame.

The 1970s punk scene in downtown New York is well-chronicled and much adored. *The Thin Gods* is the untold story of someone who, untempted by Dionysian excesses, sides with Apollo, searching for that elevation which alone makes art worthwhile.



**Aris Fioretos creates an artful novel from the sound of a generation (...) fascinatingly polyphonic and vibrant**

**"THE THIN GODS is vibrating with the ecstasy of rock'n'roll."**

—Dagens Nyheter



## Five questions for Aris Fioretos

*Tell us about your new novel!*

It must have been in 1976. At that time there was a program on Swedish radio Sunday nights between ten and midnight. For a couple of hours, the two broadcasting anarchists, Kjell Alinge and Janne Forssell, mixed staggering prattle with music. One night they played an unknown New York band that had just released their first single. The group was called Television, the song "Little Johnny Jewel." I was blown away. This was feeling and electricity, this was night and neon and subtle chutzpah. The next day I exchanged kronor for dollars and sent the bills in an envelope to Ork Records. A couple of weeks later I was the proud owner of a record with a blood red label but no proper cover. Since then I must have played Television's records thousands of times. Theirs was the first music to make me realize that, in art, things could be combined that I thought didn't go together: coolness and nerves, serenity and transcendence. The novel is my belated thanks for this insight – twenty letters from an aging rock star to his unknown daughter, with an epilogue as long as a man's hope for redemption.

*Who is the main protagonist, Ache Middler?*

Born 1949 in Delaware. Twin. Still, a loner. Early aficionado of thunderstorms and fire. Un-

interested in drugs, but open to artistic forms of expansion. Lover of poetry and perfect sanity. Citizen of Alphabet City on Lower Manhattan. Frontman of The Apollo Boys, later of Transmission. Escapee from heaven. Left his band in 1978. Lived for a few years in London in the 1980s, and much longer in Berlin after 9/11. Experiences love – first with Trish Kelly, who, like him, seeks to blend rock with poetry, later with Edie, who has problems with her eyesight and always wears sunglasses, finally with the German-Turkish visual artist Ona, whom he calls Why and cannot live without. Ache commits many mistakes, almost always because he feels his independence is being threatened. Only late in life, after something he should never have done, does he change and seek to make amends.

*The thin gods, who are they?*

An early reviewer of Transmission, reminiscent of Patti Smith, who also reviewed concerts before her career as a musician took off, believes that the band members are "thin gods alike." She probably means they are of that lanky sort with limbs like string beans and skin the pale sheen of the moon. But before Ache's Jewish bubbe dies, she tells her grandson that people you love but lose – relatives, friends, partners – instead of disappearing live on in thinner spheres. Sometimes you feel them at the temples, fluttering. Possibly the figures in the book's title are a bit of both – deceased yet undead beings with a special sense of electrified ether.

*So this is a novel about sex,*

*drugs and rock'n'roll?*

Oh, my protagonist merely happens to be a rock musician. The book is really about being an artist and what happens when you sacrifice everything for your work. It examines the vexed business of keeping the flame alive in a windy world.

*So no sex or drugs, and just a little rock'n'roll!?*

Rest assured, the novel gives plenty of room to various ways in which minds may be expanded. But I didn't want to portray a world familiar enough from countless accounts in papers and glossy magazines, and lately also from biopics. What interested me was the life of a man who, although boyish in many ways, grows old in a culture devoted to youth and its exuberance. It's about feeling invisible but having a spine, about Ache's "masculine material", as a person close to him puts it, as well as that vulnerability without which art oddly enough cannot survive. Apart from that, there are thunderstorms and car crashes and much fire. There are even some stairways to heaven.



**"The novel is intense, beautiful, melancholy and written with great feeling for the music and literature that play such big roles in the life of its protagonist. 5 out of 5!"**

—Bibliotekstjänst

# Erich Fromm

# HUMANISM IN TIMES OF CRISIS

## Original title

Humanismus in  
Krisenzeiten: Texte zur  
Zukunft der Menschheit

## Original publisher

Dtv, 2025  
256 pages



**Erich Fromm**, psychoanalyst and social philosopher, was born in Frankfurt am Main on March 23, 1900. After completing his doctorate in sociology in Heidelberg in 1922, he came into contact with Sigmund Freud's psychoanalysis and became a psychoanalyst. He left Germany in 1933, initially going to Geneva. In 1934 he emigrated to the USA, where he taught at various institutes and then, from 1950 to 1974, at the University of Mexico City. His most influential works are *Escape from Freedom*, *The Art of Loving* and *To Have or to Be*. He died in 1980 in Locarno, Switzerland.



For the 125th anniversary of Erich Fromm

**Erich Fromm's findings on the pathology of normality, human destructiveness and group narcissism are of a harrowing presence. His answers are still relevant. Fromm preconceived the new humanism, which is more important today than ever before.**

A new book edited by Rainer Funk focusing on Erich Fromm's universal humanism and showing its relevance for our times of multiple crises.

Many people - like Erich Fromm in his day - follow current developments in the economy, society, politics and culture with fear and concern and struggle with existential questions about the future of humanity. More and more people are no longer able or willing to look the other way. They are tired of sugar-coating things, comforting themselves with positive thinking or seeking spiritual salvation in technical solutions such as artificial intelligence.

What Fromm wrote in his day about feelings of fear, powerlessness, disorientation, isolation, hopelessness or increasing fanaticism speaks to many people today.

The big question connecting Erich Fromm with our troubled world of today is: "Why war?" This question instilled a deep fear in Fromm in 1962, when the Cold War reached its climax with the Cuban Missile Crisis, and a nuclear Third World War loomed ahead. The threat of nuclear self-destruction and the passive reaction of most people turned the author of *The Art of Loving* into an explorer of human destructiveness and led to his profound involvement in politics and the American peace movement.

Drawing on the ideas of Renaissance and Enlightenment humanism, Fromm developed the "Humanism of One World". For Fromm, humanism is only conceivable as a psychological, social and political process.

There is no doubt that Fromm's scientific findings and his concept of humanism are still highly relevant today!



Praise for Erich Fromm

**"Fromm's thought merits the critical attention of all concerned with the human condition and its future."**

—The Washington Post

**"A lucid, humane, always attractive writer"**

—Krikus Review

**"One of the most original and fearless thinkers"**

—Krikus Review

# Christian Haller

# THE INSTITUTE

Original title  
Das Institut

Original publisher  
Luchterhand, 2024  
272 pages



**"A multi-layered, dense, engaging text."**

—SRF

The world in all its fragility: Swiss Book Prize winner Christian Haller tells the story of a young man's life in the midst of the turbulent 1970s.

When the idealistic Thyl Osterholz applies for a temporary job at the influential "Institute for Social Affairs" after graduating from university, he has no idea of the rapid rise that lies ahead of him: he is quickly given the opportunity to organize congresses on food policy and nuclear power, travels to the US and establishes contacts in the higher circles of power. It is the 1970s, the decade of the oil crisis and the Club of Rome, when the post-war boom ends and it dawns on the western countries that there can be no eternal growth and limitless consumption of resources. But behind the glittering front of the institute, a meeting place for international celebrities, a merciless power struggle rages in which all certainties dissolve and Thyl himself is soon in danger of becoming a mere pawn. When his boss, the institute's director Lavetz, resorts to increasingly questionable means to maintain power, Thyl must decide where he actually stands...



Christian Haller, born in 1943 in Brugg, is a Swiss "novelist of the highest rank" (*Neue Zürcher Zeitung*). He studied zoology at Basel University and for several years headed the department of social studies at the Gottlieb-Duttweiler-Institute. He also looked after the estate of Swiss philosopher and writer Adrien Turel. Haller has written and published over 12 novels and several novellas and short stories and poetry collections. He has been awarded many literary grants and has spent time writing in Berlin and Bucharest. In 2006 he has been awarded the Aargauer Literaturpreis, in 2007 the Schillerpreis and in 2015 the Kunstpreis des Kantons Aargau. He lives in Laufenburg/Switzerland.



**"An enthralling time panorama of social relevance."**

—Südkurier

**"At the height of his masterful narrative skills, Haller describes the personal and professional conflicts of his characters in this large-scale social novel with a great arc and his own unpretentious clarity of language: a strong novel by this great storyteller."**

—Badische Zeitung



# Otto de Kat

# AUTOBIOGRAPHY

# OF A FLAT

## Original title

Autobiografie van een flat

## Original publisher

Uitgeverij Van Oorschot  
176 pages

## World English Open

Borders Press



**“De Kat writes about ordinary life in a sublime way.”**

–Carel Peeters in Vrij Nederland

**‘De Kat’s use of language is crisp, subtle and unadorned, making every sentence count.’**

–VPRO Guide

Otto de Kat returns to the flat of his long-dead parents, who came to live there in 1941, in a bombed-out Rotterdam. He was born and raised there after the war. Now he redecorates, and from all the rooms come memories, old histories and sometimes new insights. He immerses himself in the microcosm of the family, and experiences the magic world of his youth again. Through all the unavoidable memories, he sketches the life of his parents during the war years, when they had so many moments of happiness in their flat and their street despite everything.

Meandering and associating, he draws the map of a past that won’t go away. The faith and death of his mother, the illness of his father, how his brother and he loved the same girl, the accident of his best friend. Very drastic and emotional events, but de Kat manages to write in such a way that something light emerges from them, something gentle, something that has everything to do with happiness.



Born in 1946, **Otto de Kat** studied Theology and Dutch Literature. After his studies he worked as a literary critic and as a radio producer. He then took on the publishing world, starting his own imprint in a large publishing house. In 1986 he founded Balans Publishing House, based in Amsterdam, publishing only non-fiction. His first novel *The Figure in the Distance* came out in 1989 and since then four novels followed, all set in the 1930s and 1940s, favourably received and nominated for various literary prizes. He has received particular praise for his observant, hushed style. His work is translated into English, German, Italian and Swedish.



**“De Kat can break your heart in 200 words.”**

–Scotland on Sunday

**“He is one of the few able to evoke a bygone world.”**

–Trouw

# Ultramarin

Queer, literary, suspenseful – Highsmith meets Gen Z

A psychologically astute, masterfully constructed and absolutely contemporary debut novel — sold in a big 6-way auction, in a two-book deal to Hanser Berlin for publication as lead title in Spring 2026.

**Voices from the Publisher:**

“I’ve rarely been so enthusiastic and convinced of the relevance and appeal of a German-language debut.” —Lina Muzur, Publisher

“I don’t think I’ve ever delved so deeply into the mechanics of dependency and abuse, the unpleasant mixture of feelings of inferiority and violent hubris and their interaction, as I have in this magnificent novel.” —Julia Graf, Editor

“From the very first page of ULTRAMARINE, I made a mental note of the name Ann-Kristin Kumm – because this first page marks not only the beginning of an extremely intelligent, extremely literary, extremely exciting novel that seems to come out of nowhere, but also the start of an entire career as an author.” —Florian Kessler, Editor





# Ann-Christin Kumm

# ULTRAMARIN

Original title  
Ultramarin

Original publisher  
Hanser, 2026  
249 pages



Audio DAV  
(sold at auction)

*The body is lying right beside the pile of wood, the eyes staring upwards, empty glass objects. The mouth is slightly open. Half smile, half bafflement. One arm is splayed at a strange angle and a few strands of blond hair are stuck to the bloodied forehead. I feel the urge to sweep them aside. Create some order. I clasp my hands to avoid doing it.*

*She shouldn't have been allowed to come. I should never have let it happen. It's the sort of thing you only realise in retrospect.*

A lonely beach house on the Danish coast, three young people and a summer that changes everything.

The summers belong to Lou and his charismatic friend Raf, whose allure no one can resist, least of all Lou. But this time it's different: blonde Nora also gets into the car on the way to the Danish coast. In a secluded holiday home in the dunes, the three live for the moment, jumping into the waves, smoking, cooking, circling around each other. What appears from the outside to be a carefree vacation slowly reveals dark abysses in this new constellation. Suddenly, Lou is no longer sure: does Raf still want him around, or does he despise him for his devotion? And why does Nora disappear one afternoon without a word?

ULTRAMARINE plunges you straight into the heart of a love triangle between Lou, Raf and a shifting third character – a subliminal game of manipulation, power and desire, beneath the surface of which lies a deep pain.



Ann-Christin Kumm is a millennial, has published numerous texts in literary magazines and participated in Litfest Stuttgart and the Jürgen Ponto Foundation's writing workshop. Her prose deals with (queer) relationships, trauma and political issues. She writes a monthly anti-fascist newsletter. She has successfully dropped out of German studies to become a trained farmer; she is working on a vegetable farm outside of Berlin and on her next novel.



Voices from the Publisher:

**"I was intensely seduced, disturbed, unsettled and painfully deeply moved [...] A dense, original and nuanced psychological portrait of manipulative relationship dynamics"**

—Theresa Classen, Editor

**"I read the text with bated breath and great admiration for Kumm's sense of slowly building psychological tension until the truly shocking and (despite the 'spoiler' at the beginning) unpredictable ending, which left me emotionally disturbed (in the most positive way!)."**

—Miriam Koruschowitz,  
Sales Manager

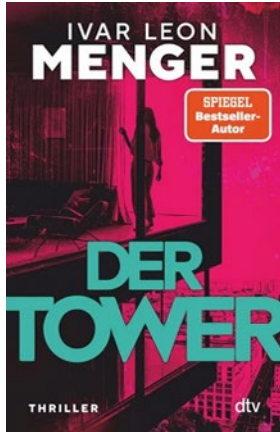


# Ivar Leon Menger

# THE TOWER

Original title  
Der Tower

Original publisher  
dtv, 2024  
400 pages



The new thriller by SPIEGEL  
bestselling author Ivar Leon Menger

“With every page the sense of oppression grows – magnificent.”

—Alexandra Maria Lara

Job gone, boyfriend gone, apartment gone—so when gallery owner Nova receives the offer to live rent-free for a year in the ultra-modern Pram Tower in the heart of Berlin, it feels like perfect timing. The ultimate jackpot! But soon Nova’s sense of fortune turns into unease. Her new luxury residence is anything but the paradise she first imagined. Something about this place isn’t right. Why do her neighbors behave so strangely? And why is her previous tenant dead? Nova must uncover the truth—before it’s too late for her as well...

A young woman at the mercy of an enemy without name or face

Dark, atmospheric locked-room setting



Ivar Leon Menger is a prize-winning writer for radio and Audible. He was born in Darmstadt, Germany in 1973. He studied graphic design and worked as a copywriter, designer, scriptwriter, director and guest lecturer at the TU Darmstadt. His radio play series *Monster 1983* and *Ghostbox* are among the most successful productions on Audible. He has received over 30 awards, including Best Short Film in Germany (Berlinale 2002), a Golden Record (for *Die drei Fragezeichen und der große Dreitag*, 2011) and Best Radio Play 2019 (1st place Audience Award for *Ghostbox*). In 2022, his thriller debut *When the Stranger Came* was published.

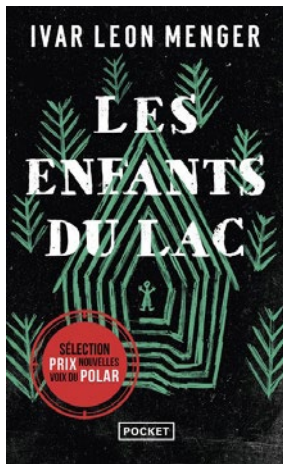


“Modern, wild, and exciting. A ride on the razor’s edge.”

—Marc Raabe

“The Tower reads like a fall from the 32nd floor—the reader races toward the abyss, and only Ivar Leon Menger can save him. This book is relentlessly fast-paced.”

—WDR



## WHAT MOTHER WON'T TELL ME

### Original title

Als das Böse kam

### Original Publisher

dtv, 2022  
240 pages

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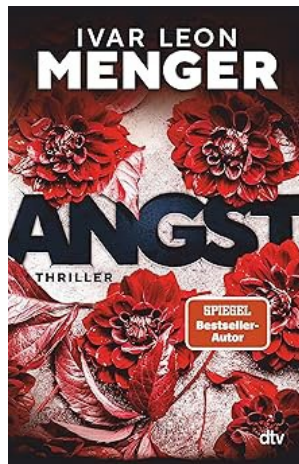
English (NA) Sourcebooks  
English audio (NA) Dreamscape  
French Belfond  
Czech Grada  
Romanian Trei  
Greek Psychigios  
German audio Audible  
Im rights sold to GLISK/Federation Entertainment

[Watch the book trailer on YouTube](#)



**"Menger skillfully doles out disturbing reveals, maintaining expert tension without lingering in ambiguity for too long. This deliciously creepy puzzle box is bound to keep readers hooked."**

—Publishers Weekly



## FEAR

### Original title

Angst

### Original publisher

dtv, 2023  
448 pages

World English, Scandinavian, Dutch, Italian, Greek, Baltic and Hebrew rights represented by the Blake Friedmann Agency



**"FEAR has got everything that makes a top thriller: suspense, sophistication and a dash of genius."**

—Linus Geschke

**"Ivar Leon Menger once again skilfully targets the hopefully strong nerves of the readers with this new psychological thriller."**

—Mainhattan Kurier

**"Suspensefully laid out, a good read!"**

—leselupe.de

**"A thriller that has it all."**

—Magazin Kölleforia



## DARK

### Original title

Finster

### Original Publisher

dtv, 2024  
384 pages

World English, Scandinavian, Dutch, Italian, Greek, Baltic and Hebrew rights represented by the Blake Friedmann Agency



English audio Audible  
French Belfond



**"A new novel by Ivar Leon Menger and another sleepless night for me. This author is unmissable—he is the new face of German thrillers."**

—Romy Haussmann

**"Nothing is spared us throughout this dreadful manhunt for the boogeyman. [...] A brilliant and highly baroque whodunit."**

—Philippe Blanchet, Le Figaro Magazine

# Dror Mishani

# DON'T

## Or: The Penultimate Chance

### Original title

A.L. o: hizdamnut lifney  
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### Original publisher

Achuzat Bayit (tbc)  
25'000 words



German Diogenes



**Dror Mishani** is an international bestselling crime writer, screenwriter and literary scholar, specializing in the history of crime fiction. His bestselling Inspector Avraham series was translated into more than 20 languages. They were shortlisted for the CWA international dagger award and the Grand Prix de Littérature Policlière and won the prestigious Martin Beck award for best crime novel translated to Swedish and the Grand Prix du meilleur Polar de lecteurs de Points. His work has been adapted for film and television, including *Fleuve Noire*, an Israeli TV series, and the US series *The Calling*. Mishani's stand alone thriller *Three* was again an international bestseller, received the Prix Mystère de la Critique and is longlisted for the CWA Crime Fiction in Translation Dagger. In 2024 he was made a Chevalier d'ordre des arts et des lettres.

The new metaphysical thriller from Dror Mishani.

*You are a fifty-two-year-old widower, and you don't believe you will ever find love like the one you lost. That's clear. You will live by yourself, your children will come to visit you occasionally if they won't leave the country, sometimes you'll go out with a woman your own age for a month, two months, maybe even a year, pretending that something can happen between you. It will end because it never really begun. You will continue to work even though your job is also slowly taken away from you. You are a translator. Artificial intelligence will soon translate much better than you. You are lucky that you are not financially dependent on it. Your parents left you an apartment that you sold for quite a lot of money and a sewing machine shop that you rent out. And your children have pretty good jobs. They don't need your help - not financially, anyway. You are currently translating from French of a short novel by Jean-Patrick Manchette. At least you like your job. That is your situation when you meet Lia.*

A story about love. And beauty. And about a terrible crime that ruins both.

A man in his early fifties has lost his wife to illness and is convinced he'll never find love again. But then he does. And then he destroys it with one terrible mistake. Can he undo the damage and save this new chance the existence has offered him?

DON'T is both a story about love and horror — or maybe a love story that turns into a horror story and desperately wants to go back to being about love. As in his acclaimed novel *Three*, the author masterfully shifts the ground beneath the reader's feet: the book begins in one genre, then strikingly transforms into another.

With fast-paced action that keeps readers on edge, this short novel unfolds like a thriller film - to be devoured in a single breathless sitting.

At its core, DON'T is about the first true love, and about the rare gift of a second. It's about the forces we can't control, and the choices we must take full responsibility for.



Praise for Dror Mishani:

**"Dror Mishani has reached the world league of crime fiction."**

—Die Zeit

**"Dror Mishani is an undeniable heir of Georges Simenon."**

— Le Monde

**"Mishani has a superior gift for psychological suspense."** — Publishers Weekly



# Dror Mishani

# WINDOW WITHOUT A VIEW

## An Unheroic War Diary

### Original title

Fenster ohne Aussicht.  
Tagebuch aus Tel Aviv

### Original publisher

Diogenes, 2024  
150 pages



Hebrew Achuzat Bayit  
French Gallimard  
Spanish Anagrama



**"Dror Mishani is like Avraham Avraham, the police inspector hero of his noir novels [...] he venerates: he observes and takes the pulse of Israeli society, whether it closes ranks or fractures."**

—Télérama



**"Mishani remains a voice of reason in his questioning diary, shaken by his own unease."** —SWR Kultur

**"The more Gaza lies in ruins, the more the martyred city haunts the pages of this courageous journal, which makes a voice heard so very different from Israeli propaganda."**

— L'Humanité

**"Mishani's view of the events around him remains open, searching, and above all empathetic. War is raging in Gaza and Israel, but Mishani writes without hatred. This makes his 'unheroic war diary' a manifesto of humanity."** — Das Magazine

**"His book is important because it is incredibly human and political"**

— Libération

On the morning of October 7, 2023, in Toulouse, Dror Mishani discovers a message from his wife: "Hello, it's a complete mess here." He can think of everything except for this attack by Hamas... On the plane back to Tel Aviv, he begins to write an article: "Perhaps we must acknowledge the power of the blow and the depth of our pain, acknowledge defeat, not try to hide it under what will appear, in the short term, to be a victory, but which in reality will only perpetuate suffering."

These lines are at the heart of a diary that describes six months of daily life in wartime and reveals the complex feelings of an Israeli father married to a Polish Catholic woman; a pacifist intellectual who, in the eyes of some of his loved ones, is considered a traitor; a novelist crushed by politics who fears he will never be able to write again and who, in order not to sink into despair, "seeks refuge in reading about the catastrophes of others" — Homer, the Bible, Natalia Ginzburg, Italo Calvino, Stefan Zweig, Emmanuel Carrère...

A searching and searing, multilayered and very well constructed text, reflecting the political in the personal – moving, sensitive, empathic with quiet anger but without hate.

# Dror Mishani

# CONVICTION

## Original title

Emuna

## Original publisher

Achuzat Bayit, 2021  
272 pages

## German sample

translation available



English (UK) Riverrun  
German Diogenes  
French Gallimard  
Italian e/o

## Option Publishers

English (US) Europa Editions  
English (CA) Anansi  
Spanish Anagrama  
Catalan Grup Editorial 62  
Korean Bookrecipe  
Croatian Fraktura  
Greek Keimena Books  
Dutch Arbeiderspers  
Chinese (TWN) Ecus



**“The psychology of the characters, the sense of atmosphere, the skillful construction: Mishani delights us once again.”**

—Le Figaro

**“The detective story is an art of manipulating the reader. And Dror Mishani is a master of this art.”**

—FranceInter



**“A book that unfolds with an eerie, deliberate power; one to savour.”**

—Martin Walker

**“Another jewel in the crown of a brilliant series”**

—Irish Independent

**“Mishani has succeeded again in following in the footsteps of his idols Simenon and Mankell.”**

—WDR

Both investigations began on the same day. One seemed domestic, almost banal: a newborn is found in a bag outside a hospital and the woman who left it there is captured after a few hours. The second investigation appeared stranger and more intriguing: a Swiss tourist disappeared from a beach-hotel near Tel-Aviv, and a quick inquiry showed he had been using a fake passport and at least two names. Can he be a Mossad agent like his daughter claims? And is he in danger?

Inspector Avraham Avraham, wishing to outgrow his usual cases of domestic violence, is indifferent to the one, and seduced by the other. Soon he understands he made a wrong choice, as both investigations spiral into a maze of violence and deception, leading to Israel's darkest secrets – and threatening to put Avraham in conflict with the most powerful men in the country, who technically don't even exist.

CONVICTION is a successful synthesis of the emotionality of the previous Avraham cases and the fast-paced, highly suspenseful standalone novel, *Three*. Once again, Mishani delivers an almost unbearably tense story, both thrilling and emotionally involving. It is yet another triumph.

Dror Mishani proves once again: he is the indisputable spiritual heir of Georges Simenon (*Le Monde*).

# Péter Nádas

# HORROR STORIES

Original title  
Rémtörténetek

Original publisher  
Jelenkor Kiadó, 2022,  
463 pages



German Rowohlt  
World English FSG  
Italian La nave di Teseo  
Croatia Fraktura  
Sweden Bonnier  
Romanian Pandora  
Slovanian Beletrina  
Danish Sisyfos  
French Noir Sur Blanc



**"No writer in Europe today has dealt more eloquently with the obligations and moral conundrums of memory, private and collective."**

—The New York Times

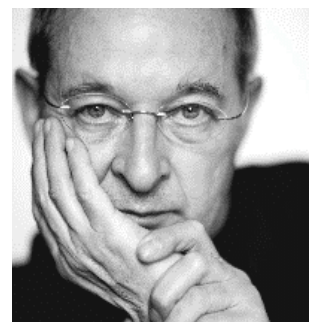
**"It is high time that Péter Nádas finally received the Nobel Prize for Literature."**

—SWR2

Ten years after *Parallel Stories* comes a powerful new novel, an unexpected and unparalleled late work and masterpiece.

Péter Nádas' new novel is an unexpected gift. With powerful language and many voices, he tells the life of a village by the river with all its inhabitants: there are the big farmers as well as the day labourers, the priest and the evangelical pastor, a mentally handicapped girl, a young mother, the shepherd of the village, the teacher, a woman who decades before fell irrevocably into disgrace, a baker possessed by the devil, plus uprooted aristocrats and the Grandes Dames on a country outing. A panopticon of characters driven by envy and malice. And around the people of the village: ghosts.

In the course of a few days, we encounter various versions of misery, weakness, dependence and violence, in a world reminiscent of Céline and Chekhov, where language turns into its opposite, the inability to speak, where raw greed and sudden magnanimity alternate, while demonic driving forces chaotically control people's lives. At the same time, the narrative flows calmly, in broad arcs, gathers more and more places and actors, and carries us towards an all-encompassing disaster with no prospect of rescue.



Péter Nádas, born in Budapest in 1942, is a photographer and award-winning writer. Until 1977, Hungarian censorship prevented the publication of his first novel *End of a Family Story*. He is the author of *A Book of Memories* – "The greatest novel written in our time, and one of the great books of the century" (Susan Sontag) and of *Parallel Stories* – a masterpiece internationally celebrated as "War and Peace" of the 21st century, and most recently, *Shimmering Details*, his memoirs. Among others, Nádas was awarded the Austrian State Prize for European Literature (1991), the Kossuth Prize (1992), the Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding (1995) and the Franz Kafka Literature Prize (2003). In 2014 he was awarded the Würth Prize for European Literature and the Berman Prize 2022. Péter Nádas lives in Gombosszeg.



**"HORROR STORIES builds tension in a maddening way, unravelling layers of sin in a world violent in language, physicality and sexuality, which, to make it really disturbing, is also a terribly entertaining read, an addictive binge read."**

—Könyves Magazin



## About HORROR STORIES

Susan Sontag said about Péter Nádas' *A Book of Memories* that „It is one of the great novels of the 20'th century.” According to the *New York Times* „no writer in Europe has dealt more eloquently with the obligations, and moral conundrums of memory, private and collective.”



**“Péter Nádas is the great surveyor of European landscapes of souls in the 20th century.”**

—Die Zeit

After his monumental 1200 pages memoir, *Illuminated Details* (FSG will publish in 2023) which is a Freudian-Proustian associative recollection of the writer's past, and was considered by critics the crown jewel of the oeuvre, Nádas, expectant of the literary Nobel-prize for at least a decade now, doesn't cease to surprise us. His new novel, *HORROR STORIES* is said by many to be just what we have all been waiting for.

*HORROR STORIES* has got everything from the toolkit of Nádas's narrative expertise: the virtuosity of dramaturgy (suspense, crime, surprising plot twists), all the elements that hold the reader captive, along with the shocking scenes of taboo breaking

corporeality and aggression. The novel is rich and complex, yet easier to access than the earlier works of Nádas as the narrative threads untangle and meet, and this provides the reader with the feeling of a proper ending. *HORROR STORIES* will surely win some new admirers for the author, as it is a genuine Nádas-experience, yet easier to read.



**“Nádas writes in an almost liquefied language. In a rhythm with a beat of words that make a world out of sync tangible and perceptible.”**

—Neue Zürcher Zeitung

*HORROR STORIES* does deal with issues of poverty, but not in the social-realist sense. Nádas's anthropological monitoring apparatus has received an ethnographic filter, his vocabulary broadened with vernacular registers, with a wide range of special Hungarian swearwords, but only to demonstrate that he knows everything about man regardless of the place and historical period. Although the world depicted is unsettlingly accurate the subject of Nádas's analysis is not merely sociological: he continues to speak about man in the universal sense - avoiding the traps of false humanism and using his always bold and blasphemous voice.

The plot takes place in the 1960's in an unnamed Hungarian village. There isn't one plotline, rather a stream of consciousness, the polyphony

of the collective conscience of the village in which the omnipotent narrator jumps from one character to another: Róza the epileptic maid, the elderly and lonely Teréz, once a servant of aristocrats who sees ghosts, Imre, the bedeviled, gigantic son of the village's short stature prostitute Törpíke, the helpful and jovial village priest father Jónás, the disabled boy genius Misike who lives in a wheelchair, and the beautiful city girl he fancies, the psychology student and future teacher Piroska, who quickly gets intertwined in the spider web of romantic emotions and animalistic instincts, constantly menaced by a young man's urge to kill. And although the story doesn't unfold this way, it still ends with a series of blood-curdling deaths.



**“A novel as powerful as the Danube on whose banks it is set. The narrative voice of Péter Nádas absorbs everything that happens in a small Hungarian village, all the voices, all the prejudices, all the violence and all the superstitions. The way Nádas moves from character to character and from voice to voice, making them all merge into one powerful and violent collective speech, is simply unique.”**

—SWR2

# Fabio Nola

# COMMISSARIO GAETANO AND THE LYING FISH

## Original title

Commissario Gaetano  
und der lügende Fisch

## Original publisher

dtv, 2025  
528 pages



Audio DAV



**dtv lead title with an initial print run of 18'000 copies and now already in its 5<sup>th</sup> printing**

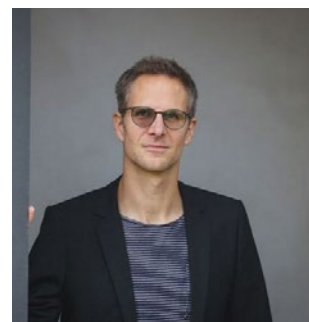
*Naples was praying, and anyone looking through the haze of sweat, salt, exhaust fumes and grease at the Centro Storico from the wooded Capodimonte that morning could hear it. Curses and murmurings rose from the humid Bassi towards the sky.*

For centuries, Naples has celebrated its city saint San Gennaro on September 19, when the dried blood of the decapitated martyr, which is kept in a glass ampoule, liquefies. God save the Neapolitans if the "blood miracle" fails to materialize!

While life rages in the narrow streets, Commissario Salvatore Gaetano is called to the scene of a brutal murder. In an apartment in the middle of the Centro Storico sits a man without a head - decapitated like the patron saint of Naples.

What is behind it? A mafia feud, a love gone sour or a ritual murder? Instead of letting himself be guided by preconceived ideas, Gaetano prefers to rely on his keen sense of the city's inhabitants and its secrets. But the murderer is always one step ahead of him.

Fabio Nola knows how to bring the atmosphere of Naples, it's people, their surroundings, their fates, their emotions and it's collective subconscious to life. His affinity to this exciting city and his wealth of knowledge about it is palpable on every page. This is no cosy crime filled with Mediterranean clichés but a police procedural that perfectly suits this passionate, dirty-beautiful, imperfect city that hopes forever for redemption.



**Fabio Nola** is the pseudonym of a German historian (\*1982). He studied in Naples and lived in the middle of the wild, colorful Centro Storico together with five Neapolitan law students. This inspired him to write his crime series about the sensitive Commissario Salvatore Gaetano. *Commissario Gaetano and the Lying Fish* is his debut novel.

The second book in the series will follow in 2026:

*Commissario Gaetano and the Last Supper*  
dtv, 328 pages



**Naples during Easter week.**

While countless processions meander through every little alley and the Neapolitans fight over the last portion of clam soup in the fish restaurants, Commissario Gaetano spends the holidays with his brother Aniello and his niece Carla at his father's country estate in the Campanian countryside - until Gaetano's new colleague Beppa Bellucci calls on Good Friday: a dead man has washed up in the harbor basin.

# Cătălin Partenie

# GOLDEN BURROW

Original title  
Vizuina De Aur

Original publisher  
Polirom, 2020  
176 pages

Original English  
manuscript available



German Hoffmann &  
Campe  
Spanish Impedimenta  
Brazilian DBA Press  
Romanian audio  
Audiotribe



Longlisted for the  
prize of the Festival  
international du premier  
roman 2021  
Traian Olteanu Prize  
Liviu Rebreanu Prize



Cătălin Partenie is a Romanian-Canadian philosopher, teaching at the National School of Political Studies in Bucharest. He studied at the Universities of Oxford, Glasgow, Heidelberg, and Québec. He is the editor of *Plato. Selected Myths* (Oxford's World Classics) and *Plato's Myths* (Cambridge UP). His short story *Gudrun* has earned an Honorable Mention at the Frank McCourt International Contest and has been published in *The Southampton Review*. *THE GOLDEN BURROW* is his first novel. The film adaptation is currently in development with Saga Productions, and a stage version is set to premiere at the Godot Theatre in Bucharest in November 2025.



**"A moving and funny novel that speaks about the liberating power of music, even under tyranny. It is very difficult to signal any fault, it is a book close to a masterpiece."**

—La Razón

**"Cătălin Partenie tells a wonderfully tender coming-of-age story with light, anarchic humour."**

—NDR

*We would play every single day, Paul on drums, me on guitar.  
Then Oksana came in. She liked what we played. Then Paul left.  
I stayed. What about you? What would you choose? Music?  
Or freedom?*

Bucharest, 1988. Nicolae Ceaușescu's darkest years. Paul, a first-year philosophy student, wants to play the drums in a rock band but is expelled and ends up as the guard of a forgotten depot of a theatre. He spends all his time there with his girlfriend Oksana (a waitress who just finished high school) and his best friend Stefan (a first-year high school student who plays the guitar). Using stage furniture and props, Oksana builds inside the depot the interior of a home. They call it 'The Golden Burrow' and there they have the time of their lives. Oksana is pregnant but is afraid to tell Paul.

In April 1989, without telling anything to anyone, Paul swims across the Danube and defects. He is caught by the Yugoslavian authorities but can emigrate to Canada. However, in December he returns to Bucharest secretly, just after Ceaușescu has fled his headquarters. In the chaos that follows he is shot dead in front of Muzica, the city's biggest record store.

Almost 30 years later, Paul's son Victor contacts Stefan and asks him to write down all that he can remember about his father. Stefan, however, is an unreliable narrator, and Victor will have to imagine for himself what kind of man his father was.

A funny, heart-breaking, but ultimately uplifting story about the power of rock 'n roll behind the Iron Curtain.



**"This book can be read in many ways, in many keys, although its main theme is universal: music as a way to build up a strong friendship. I would also recommend it to young people."**

—Deutschlandradio Kultur

**"A tragicomic story from Ceausescu's final years [...] a mixture of memoir, coming-of-age novel [...] a strong, late literary debut."**

—Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung



Cătălin Partenie

# PLATO AND US

## A Dialogue on Love, Reason, the Two Banks of Paris, and the Comical and Tragic Sides of Plato's *Republic*

Original manuscript in English  
38'000 words



Illustration by George  
Angheliescu to the first chapter  
of PLATO AND US

PLATO AND US is an original, out-of-the-box fictional dialogue about Plato's *Republic* and our world. It is both philosophical and literary; it offers the reader an engaging but not simplified introduction to Plato's *Republic*, and the experience of doing philosophy, instead of being lectured about Plato and philosophy.

Five friends from five different countries meet for dinner in Paris, and soon enough they set out by discussing whether Plato's *Republic* is a comedy or a tragedy. On the face of it, Plato argues that only reason is capable of solving all the injustices. In discussing whether the *Republic* is a comedy or a tragedy, the five characters of PLATO AND US come to a somewhat different conclusion: justice can be achieved only by an alliance of reason and love. And this is what Plato ultimately expects from his readers: critical engagement with what he says. PLATO AND US is addressed to readers with no background in Plato but with an interest in philosophy and the current global problems.

**"What I so admire about this dialogue is that it flows – smoothly, naturally – and that it does not have the artificiality I found in so many contemporary philosophical dialogues. The setting, the story, the wines are all so vividly rendered."**

–Martin Puchner (Byron and Anita Wien  
Professor of Comparative Literature, Harvard  
University)



**"I have read it with much pleasure; it is clear and instructive, it mixes the serious and the playful, and – so far as I am aware – it is original both in conception and in execution."**

–Jonathan Barnes (Fellow  
of the British Academy and  
the American Academy of  
Arts and Sciences, Profes-  
sor Emeritus of Ancient Phi-  
losophy at Oxford, Geneva  
and Paris Sorbonne)

**"It is very stylishly crafted, with a nice balance of seriousness and wit; the characters are strongly etched; and the dramatic construction is well sustained. The dialectic between pro and contra – as well as the tragedy/comedy theme – is stimulating for the reader. There are lots of clever, thought-provoking modern threads woven into the discussion."**

–Stephen Halliwell (Fellow  
of the British Academy and  
the Royal Society of Edin-  
burgh, Wardlaw Professor  
Emeritus of Classics, St  
Andrews University, UK)

**"Catalin Partenie writes with a disarming sincerity."**

–omiedesemne.ro

# Thomas Sparr

## “I WANT TO LIVE ON, EVEN AFTER MY DEATH.”

### The Biography of Anne Frank’s Diary

#### Original title

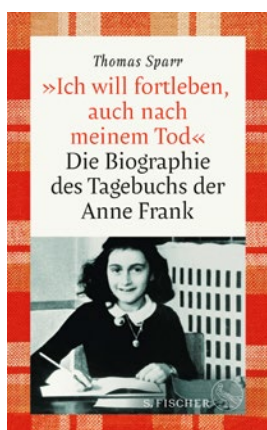
“Ich will fortleben, auch  
nach meinem Tod”.  
Die Biographie des  
Tagebuchs der  
Anne Frank

#### Original publisher

S. Fischer, 2023  
336 pages



French Calmann-Lévy  
Italian Einaudi  
Dutch Prometheus  
Romanian Humanitas  
Brazilian Record  
Portuguese Porto  
Editora  
Spanish Acantilado



**“Anyone who thinks that everything has  
already been said about Anne Frank’s  
diary will be proven wrong by the  
meticulous research of literary scholar  
Thomas Sparr.”**

—WDR3

Anne Frank dreamed of one day becoming a famous writer. Her father Otto Frank, who was the only family member to survive the war, wanted to make this wish come true for his daughter and made the publication of Anne’s diary his life’s work. In 1947, *Het Achterhuis* came out in the Netherlands, and the first German edition was published in 1950. Today, the diary is one of the most widely read books in the world; the impact it has had since the post-war period is unparalleled and unbroken. But the story of its success is marked by obstacles and setbacks – and is largely unknown. Thomas Sparr knowledgeably unravels how it came about, how it was distributed, how it is received around the world, and why it continues to grip us today.



Thomas Sparr was born in 1956 in Hamburg, Germany. He studied literature and philosophy in Hamburg, Marburg and Paris. From 1986 to 1989 he had several lectureships at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Leo Baeck Institute in Jerusalem. From 1990 to 1998 he directed the Jüdischer Verlag and from 1999 to 2004 he worked as editor in chief of the Siedler Verlag. He now lives in Berlin and works as editor-at-large for the Suhrkamp Verlag. He is the author of *Todesfuge*, a biography of the Paul Celan’s famous poem, *German Jerusalem* and *Hotel Budapest, Berlin*.



**“Sparr explores the  
text with a great deal  
of effort and flair, mak-  
ing it much more than  
a historical document.”  
Welt am Sonntag.”**

—WELT am Sonntag

**“Insightful and brilliant  
[...] an astonishing and  
thought-provoking,  
also exciting and oc-  
casionally entertaining  
foray through the  
history of the diary’s  
reception.”**

—rbb Kultur

# Peter Stamm

## ON THIN ICE

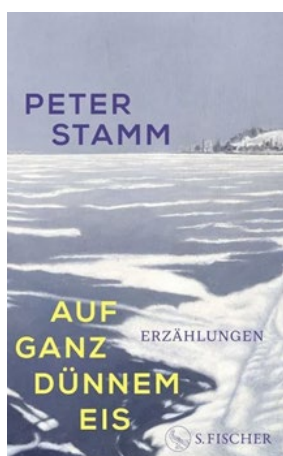


**Original title**  
Auf ganz dünnem Eis

**Original publisher**  
S. Fischer, 2025  
192 pages

**World English Other Press**

English translation  
sample available



*It was a crisp autumn afternoon, cool but bright. The air was perfectly clear, the turning leaves glowed on distant slopes. I was abruptly put in mind of my childhood, the endless days I had to help with the apple harvest, the smell of fallen fruit and moldering leaves. In the city, the seasons didn't have any smells to speak of, perhaps that was why I'd had the feeling, increasingly over the past few years, that time was running away from me.*

With his characteristic accessibility and subtlety, Peter Stamm tells new stories drawn from the lives of his characters. They search for fresh beginnings, endure compromises, and confront the crises of the present: after an accident back home, a Swiss ski instructor teaches in a ski hall in western Germany. An actress loses herself in her roles. And snow and ice cover an abandoned city.

In ON THIN ICE, Peter Stamm demonstrates how artfully and multilayered stories can be told in just a few pages—how a single short story can linger longer than an entire novel.



**Peter Stamm**, born in 1963, had his international breakthrough with his debut novel *Agnes* in 1998. Since then, his books have been translated into more than 30 languages. In 2013 he was on the shortlist for the International Booker Prize. Stamm's writing has been compared to Chekhov and Camus as well as American storytellers such as Raymond Carver, Richard Ford and Ernest Hemingway. Peter Stamm has been awarded several prizes, such as the Friedrich-Hölderlin-Prize (2014) and the Swiss Book Award (2018).



Praise for Peter Stamm:

**"Skilled at leaving things unsaid and highlighting telling details, Stamm excels at suggesting feelings and creating atmosphere."**

—Le Temps

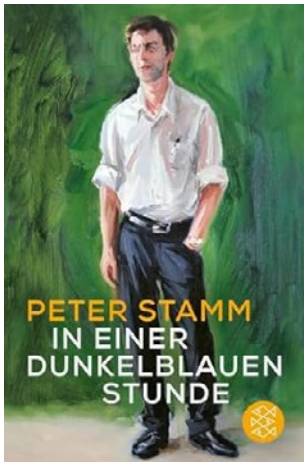
**"Of such stylistic grace, Peter Stamm is a master of the middle tone and the floating melancholy."**

—Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

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## IN A DARK BLUE HOUR

### Original title

In einer dunkelblauen Stunde

### Original publisher

S. Fischer, 2023  
256 pages



World English Other Press  
French Christian Bourgois  
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Catalan Quaderns Crema  
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**"In a subtly sophisticated novel, the writer as voice and as person takes a step back behind the text. It is not the artist but his work that takes centre role."**

—Süddeutsche Zeitung



## THE ARCHIVE OF FEELINGS

### Original title

Das Archiv der Gefühle

### Original Publisher

S. Fischer, 2021  
256 pages



French Christian Bourgois  
World English Other Press  
Spanish Acantilado  
Catalan Quaderns Crema  
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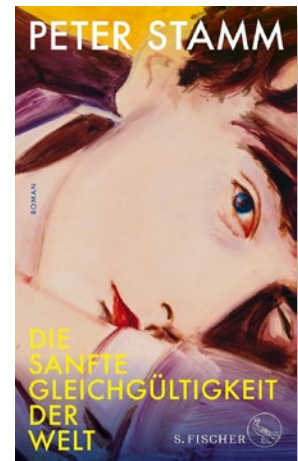


**"A gently told, melancholically colored novel that asks big questions without grand gestures – a gem."**

—Rainer Moritz, Neue Zürcher Zeitung

**"The first sforzando in the chorus of corona novels, which succeeds in bringing the social psychopathology of the past year and a half to a poetic term."**

—Deutschlandfunk



## THE SWEET INDIFFERENCE OF THE WORLD

### Original title

Die sanfte Gleichgültigkeit der Welt

### Original publisher

S. Fischer, 2018  
160 pages



World English Other Press  
French Christian Bourgois  
Spanish Acantilado  
Catalan Quaderns Crema  
Swedish Thoren & Lindskog  
Czech Albatros  
Italian Casagrande  
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Albanian Aleph Klub  
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Farsi OFOQ  
Ukrainian VBookXX



**"Excellent. This amorphous tale folds in on itself, becoming a meditation on how memory can distort reality. Fans of Julian Barnes will love this."**

—Publishers Weekly

# Annie Waye

# SEVEN HELLS

## Fiery Blaze

### Original title

Seven Hells:  
Glühendes Feuer

### Original publisher

Self-Published, 2024  
452 pages



Russia Clever Media

French and English  
sample available



*I'm grateful that you're here. You. The  
one human, the one soul across all  
worlds who knew me. Who truly saw  
me for who I was.*

To save her brother, she unleashes a demon. Only to be bound to him in the seven gates of hell.

Desert princess Rana's world is shattered when her brother is kidnapped. In a desperate attempt to rescue him, she releases Daamin, a cunning and irresistibly dangerous demon. But freedom comes at a price: bound by an unbreakable pact, the two are thrust into the underworld, forced to cross seven infernal realms – each more treacherous and seductive than the last.

As reluctant allies drawn to one another in spite of every warning, Rana and Daamin must navigate ancient curses, deadly trials, and growing temptation. In a world where betrayal is woven into the very fabric of magic, trust may be their greatest risk and love their final downfall.

A darkly atmospheric, high-stakes Romantasy full of slow-burn tension, forbidden desire, and rich world-building. A perfect read for fans of enemies-to-lovers, underworld journeys, and morally grey demons.



Annie Waye is an established name in German-language self-publishing, with a growing readership. Since 2021, she has published 27 books across 7 series. Her bestselling duology Seven Hells has sold over 12,000 copies and generated more than 6 million pages read via Kindle Unlimited. The audiobook adaptation of Seven Hells, released in January, has been streamed over 600,000 times. Her latest fantasy series, GODLESS, was recently acquired in a six-figure deal by Aufbau Verlag and is set for release in 2026.

### Tropes:

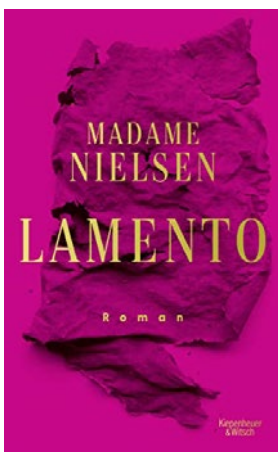
- Enemies to Lovers
- Stuck Together
- He Falls First
- Secret Identity



### Reader's Reviews:

**"This series radiates a kind of magic that completely draws you in – an absolute must-read for anyone who wants to dive into a perfectly crafted, captivating story."**

**"It had everything that makes my fantasy-loving heart beat faster."**



**Madame Nielsen**  
**LAMENTO**

**Original title**  
Lamento

**Original Publisher**  
Grif, 2020  
174 pages



German Kiepenheuer & Witsch  
French Notabilia  
Norwegian Pelikanen  
World English Prototype  
Sweden Ersatz



The Prix Transfuge 2023 for Best  
Scandinavian novel



**"Lamento is the story of  
a love at first sight that  
consumes everything in a  
feeling of exhilaration in a  
contagious reading."**

—Libération

**"Nielsen, the great Danish  
author, finds a beguiling  
language for love, hate and  
everything in between."**

—Welt am Sonntag



**Madame Nielsen**  
**THE MONSTER**

**Original title**  
The Monster

**Original publisher**  
Gyldendal, 2018  
220 pages



German Kiepenheuer & Witsch  
French Notabilia (rights reverted)  
Spanish Minúscula  
Norwegian Pelikanen  
Sweden Ersatz



**There is no comparable lit-  
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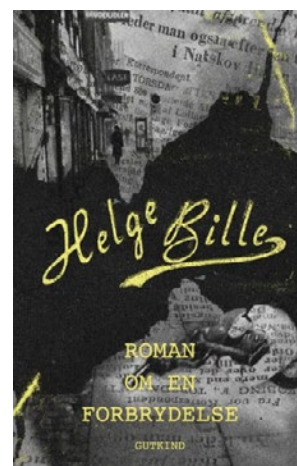
—ZDF, Das Literarische Quartett

**"An irresistible experiment."**

—WDR 5

**"Madame Nielsen, or who-  
ever she is, can write so that  
I sometimes levitate from  
the couch. It takes many  
exceptional authors to make  
one Madame, so dear reader,  
just let yourself get invaded."**

—Weekendavisen



**Helge Bille**  
**THE STORY OF A CRIME**

**Original title**  
Roman om en forbrydelse

**Original Publisher**  
Gutkind Publishers, 2024  
192 pages



**"Helge Bille writes with ex-  
emplary fluency. No one else  
combines the genuine bor-  
der-seeking with this playful  
passion; no one else breaks  
down and builds up in one  
and the same movement as  
he does; no one else nar-  
rows and expands the world  
with such sovereignty."**

—Weekendavisen



# KAFKA LES DESSINS



LES CAHIERS • DESSINS

**Andreas Kilcher (Ed.)**  
**FRANZ KAFKA:**  
**THE DRAWINGS**  
With an Essay by Judith  
Butler

**Original title**  
Franz Kafka: Die Zeichnungen

**Original publisher**  
C.H.Beck, 2021  
368 pages

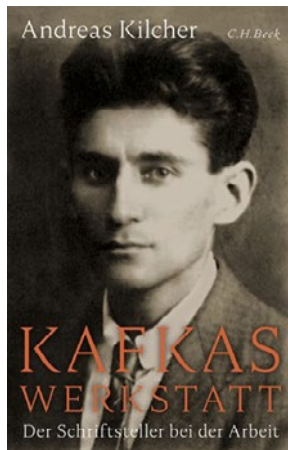


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Polish Wydawnictwo Literackie  
Japanese Misuzu Shobo  
Chinese Citic  
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Hebrew Blima Books



**"Kafka, this absorbing book shows, was both artist and art-lover: inspired by Asian art, he explored line in defiance of gravity, drawing as a counterpoint to script. An intriguing volume, with Butler's essay as the highlight."**

—Katie Trumpener, Yale University



**Andreas Kilcher**  
**KAFKAS WORKSHOP**

**Original title**  
Kafkas Werkstatt.  
Der Schriftsteller bei der Arbeit

**Original publisher**  
C.H.Beck, 2024  
256 pages,  
30 illustrations

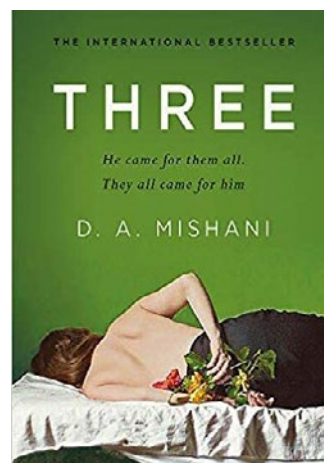


**"Everything in Kilcher's book falls into place, the gain in knowledge is thrilling. (...) A linguistic jewel of great complexity."**

—Literaturkritik.de

**For a long time, Kafka's enigmatic parables have been in the firm grip of hermeneuticians. Here, a philologist shows Kafka as a reader and text worker. And he does so masterfully."**

—WELT am Sonntag



**Dror Mishani**  
**THREE**

**Original title**  
Shalosh

**Original publisher**  
Achuzat Bayit, 2018  
245 pages



**English (UK)**  
Quercus/riverrun  
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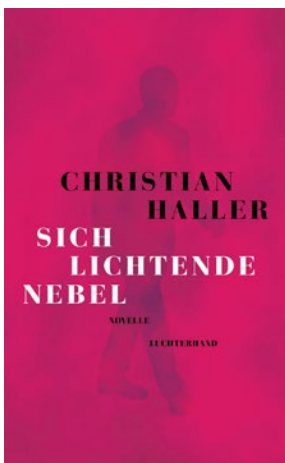
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**Christian Haller**  
**CLEARING MISTS**

**Original title**  
Sich lichtende Nebel

**Original publisher**  
Luchterhand, 2023  
128 pages



**Winner of the Swiss Book Award**



Danish Brandeis UP



“Who are we, who were we, who will we be? Haller asks this over and over again, inventing reflector figures who say ‘I’ for him.”

—Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

“Christian Haller’s story plays a philosophical game in which much is not what it seems. Facts and imaginations overlap.”

—NZZ



**Christian Haller**  
**THUNDER AND LIGHTNING**  
A Brief History of the Light in which We Place Ourselves

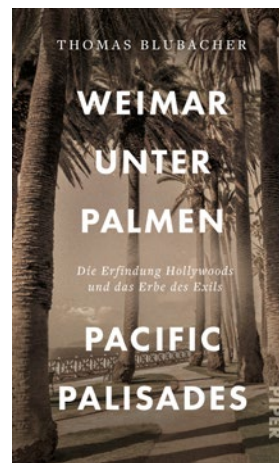
**Original title**  
Blitzgewitter

**Original publisher**  
Matthes & Seitz, 2022  
108 pages



“Haller traces light through the centuries like a ray catcher with a preserving jar, across the twin forces of relativity theory and quantum physics and into the networked production machinery of contemporary social media. In this way, the history of technology intertwines with human self-exploration, physical findings with philosophical musings to form a dense narrative web that attempts to capture nothing less than light itself. (...) the insights are fresh and entertaining thanks to their aphoristic brevity and linguistic clarity. Reading this thought-provoking essay, one can follow the light as it constantly shapes the way we look at ourselves and the way we relate to each other.”

—Die ZEIT



**Thomas Blubacher**  
**WEIMAR UNDER PALM TREES: PACIFIC PALISADES**  
The Invention of Hollywood and the Legacy of German Exile

**Original title**  
Weimar unter Palmen  
— Pacific Palisades

**Original publisher**  
Piper, 2022  
272 pages



World English Brandeis UP  
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“An immensely rewarding read.”

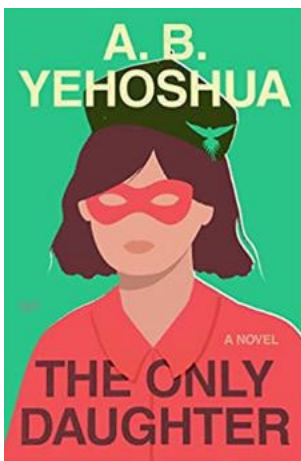
—Neue Zürcher Zeitung

“An astonishing panorama of different art movements of the 20th century and their mutual influences.”

—Büchermagazin

“A very vivid description of lives in exile under palm trees.”

—Börsenblatt



**A.B. Yehoshua**  
**THE ONLY DAUGHTER**

Original title

Habat Hayechida

Original publisher

Hakibbutz Hameuchad, 2021  
165 pages



English (US) HarperVia  
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Italian Einaudi  
French Grasset



**"A wise, masterfully understated work by one of Israel's towering literary figures."** —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

**"Israel's premier storyteller, has given us a mature masterpiece of modest proportions – fresh, surprising, polished in its every detail."**  
—Dan Miron, Ha'aretz

**"Free of cynicism but imbued with a heartfelt and optimistic view of humanity – in other words, a book filled with feeling and moral values."**

—The New York Times



**Catalin Dorian Florescu**  
**THE FIRE TOWER**

Original title

Der Feuerturm

Original publisher

C.H.Beck, 2022  
358 pages



Romanian Humanitas



**"Florescu follows with his latest novel the concept of all his previous novels: to tell adventurous, exciting stories that are captivating from the first sentence to the last."**

—Die Furche

**"A vivid journey through time and Bucharest."**

—Kleine Zeitung

**"A moving and stirring novel, which impressively brings the center of Europe into view for the West, especially in times of war in Ukraine"**

—Frankfurter Allgemeine

**"Florescu has once again written a captivating novel in which research and fiction are combined in colourful images."**

—Sächsische Zeitung



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