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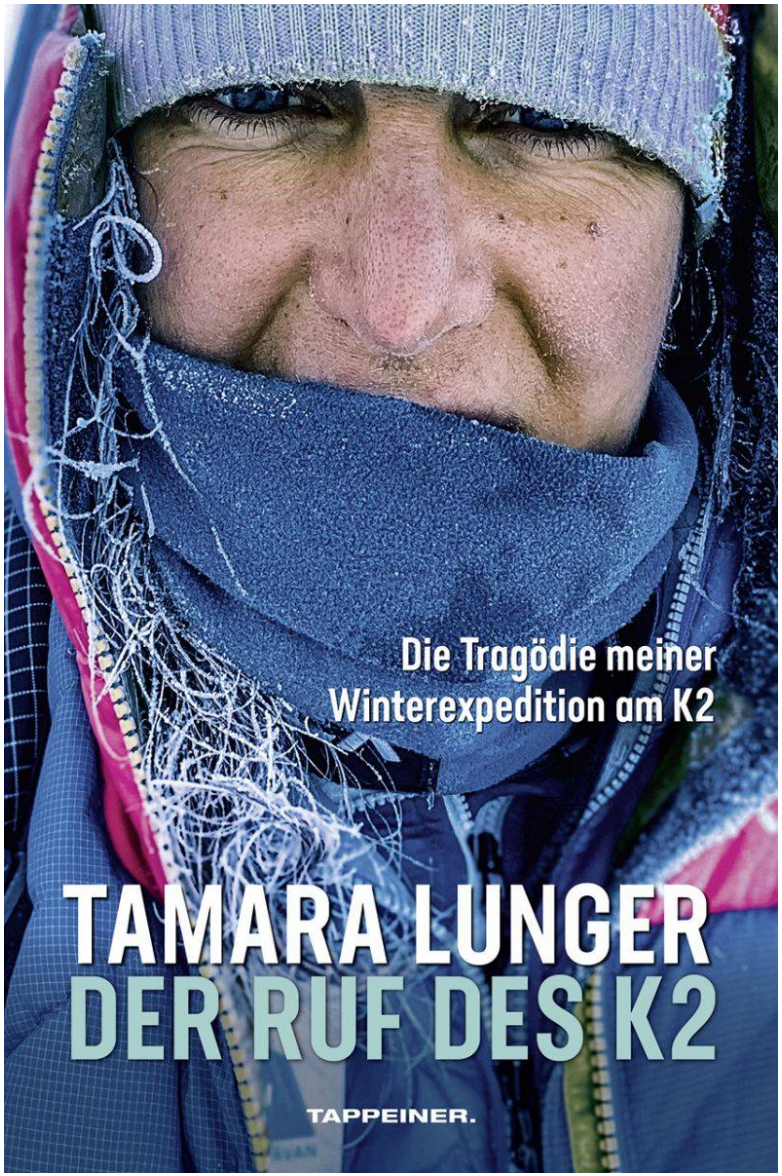
New

The Call of K2



Author: Tamara Lunger
Publication Date: May, 2023
Pages: 176, 45 pictures

My tragic expeditin on the winter ascent of K2

Tamara Lunger, one of the strongest mountaineers of our time, climbed K2 in the summer of 2014. After a series of traumatic experiences, she decided to return to K2 and attempt its first ascent in winter. Like a live broadcast, Tamara tells of the initial enthusiasm, from which deep human bonds initially develop with her mountain and rope companions, of the inhuman toil, the icy cold and the ever-unpredictable situations. And finally of death, which takes her comrades and friends five times right before her eyes.

- K2 is considered the most difficult mountain in the world
- Death tragedies overshadow the expedition
- Tamara Lunger takes a deep look at herself

Tamara Lunger was born in Bolzano in 1986. She was twice Italian vice-champion in discus throwing and has multiple winner of ski touring races. When she turned to high-altitude mountaineering, she reached the summit of the summit of K2 in 2014. Together with Simone Moro she has undertaken several expeditions, including that of the winter ascent of Nanga Parbat.

New

I Have Still Goosebumps Today

Author: Alexander Zelger
Publication Date: May, 2023
Pages: 224, 70 illustrations

My most spectacular criminal cases. True Crime: Mafia, serial killers, violent crimes

Alexander Zelger tells the story of the everyday life of the head of the criminal investigation department at the police headquarters in Bolzano. The tragic and the comic, the all too human and the murderous, experiences of success and dangerous situations are intermingled. In the description of individual cases, the reader will notice both the seriousness and the humour of the Commissario Capo are equally striking. Otherwise he would not have been able to cope with what he has experienced.

During his law studies in Modena, **Alexander Zelger** matured the idea of joining the criminal police. After training in Zelger he returned to South Tyrol in 1990 as the first German-speaking criminal to return to South Tyrol. In 1992 Zelger was appointed the first head of the South Tyrolean criminal police. He was appointed as liaison officer, security expert and embassy attaché to the Italian Ministry of the Interior to Germany and Austria. At the Federal Criminal Police Office in Wiesbaden (Germany) and in Vienna (Austria). Zelger was mainly involved in the fight against the Italian mafia.

New

Maid in Beautiful Italy

Author: Sabine Peer
Publication Date: May, 2023
Pages: 224

From the mountain villages to the palaces

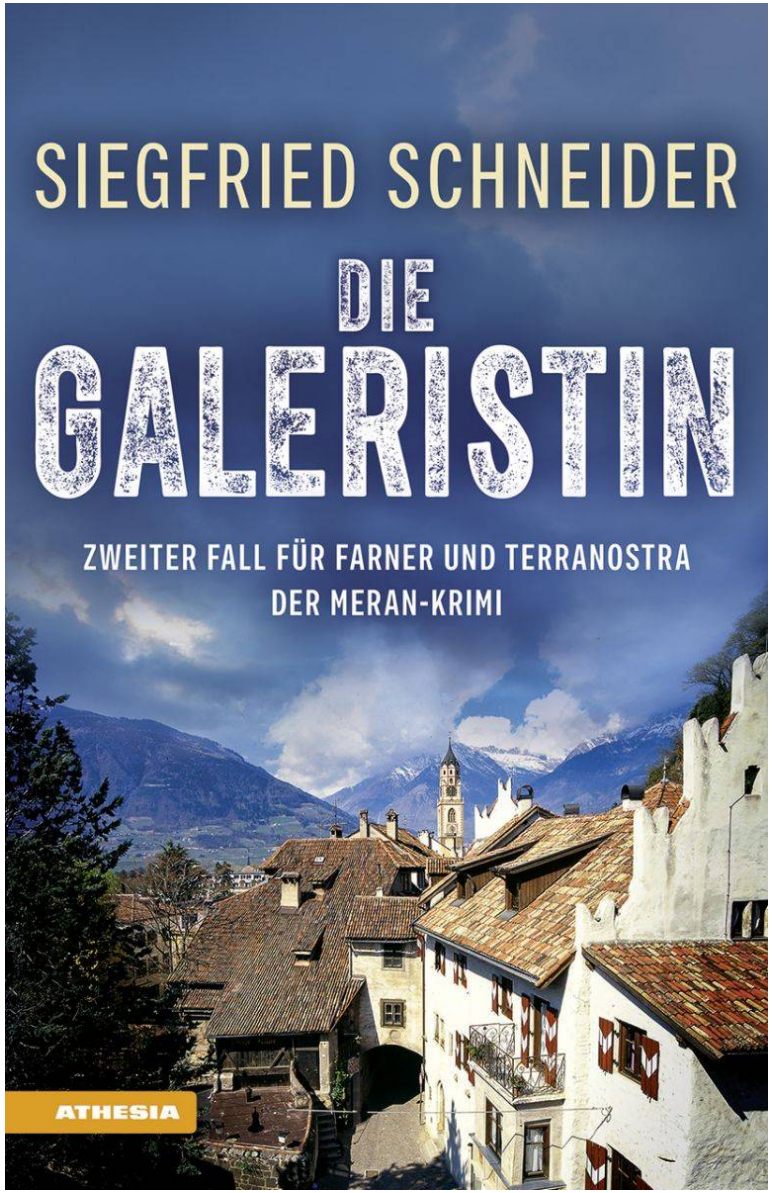
With this follow-up volume, Sabine Peer responds to the wish of many readers for more stories based on true events of young South Tyrolean women as housemaids, nannies and companions in Italy in the 1950s and 1960s. We are allowed to take a look behind the convent walls of the nuns in Milan, who in turn employed housemaids from South Tyrol, we read about the nanny of the RAI editor-in-chief in Rome and we learn about the moving fate of the young Rosa, who trusted in great love and was bitterly disappointed.

- Six autobiographical stories based on conversations with protagonists.
- The author reports authentically and empathetically fates of women in the course of the labour migration of the 1950s

Sabine Peer studied Slavic Studies /Russian at the University of Vienna, trained as an editor at the Academy of German Media, Munich; worked for several years as an editor, two years as head of the editorial department.

New

The Gallery Owner



Author: Siegfried Schneider
Publication Date: March, 2023
Pages: 256

Crime Fiction

It's a question of honour, says gallery owner Nicole Angerer, who wants to return a valuable painting by Antoine Watteau to its rightful owners. To hell with your honour, says her business partner and lover Stefan Gaiser - allegedly he already has an interested party willing to pay 3 million for the painting. Is the dispute over the painting the motive for the murder of the young woman, who is found dead in her gallery the next morning?

The 2nd case for the unequal team of investigators Farner and Terranostra.

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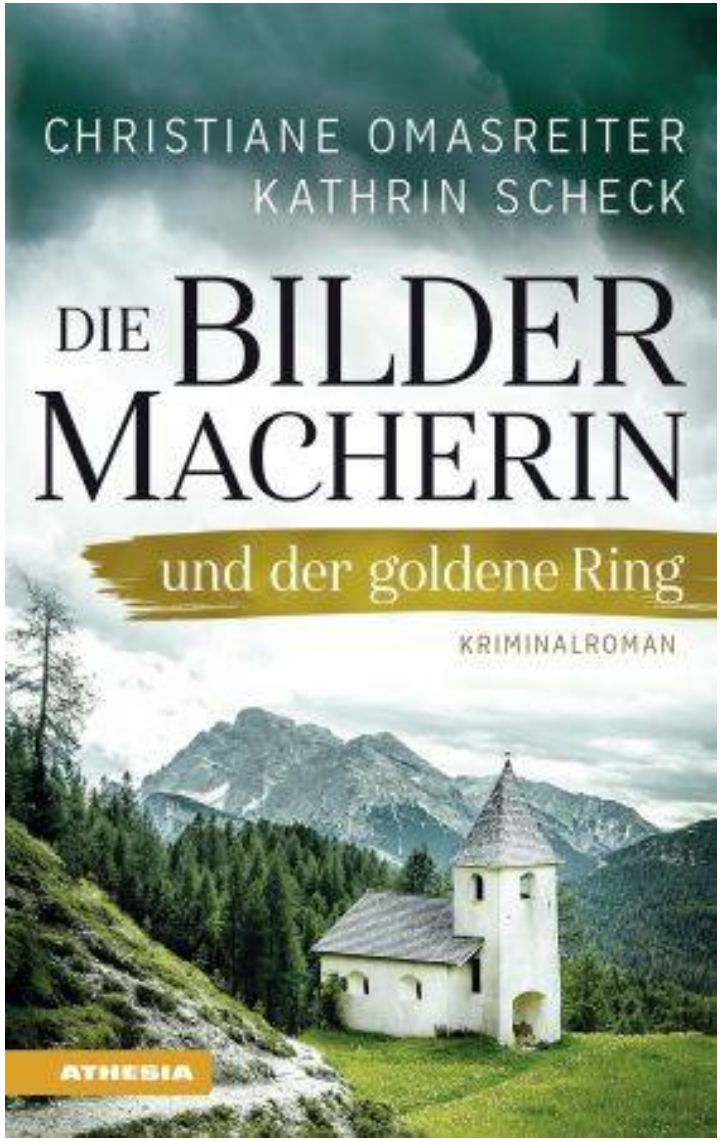
The Picture Maker And The Golden Ring



Authors: C. Omasreiter & K. Scheck
Publication Date: April, 2023
Pages: 288

Crime Fiction

During a mountain run in the Pfunder mountains, restorer and athlete Valentin Nothdurfter collapses during the award ceremony. He was poisoned with a smoothie. Amalia Engl, who photographed the finish of the race, begins to investigate on her own. on her own. She finds plenty of motifs in Valentin's ambitious life of love and competition. Another lead to events during the Tyrolean national uprising in 1809.

The fourth case for the photographer, who brings Berlin flair to the seemingly tranquil South Tyrol.

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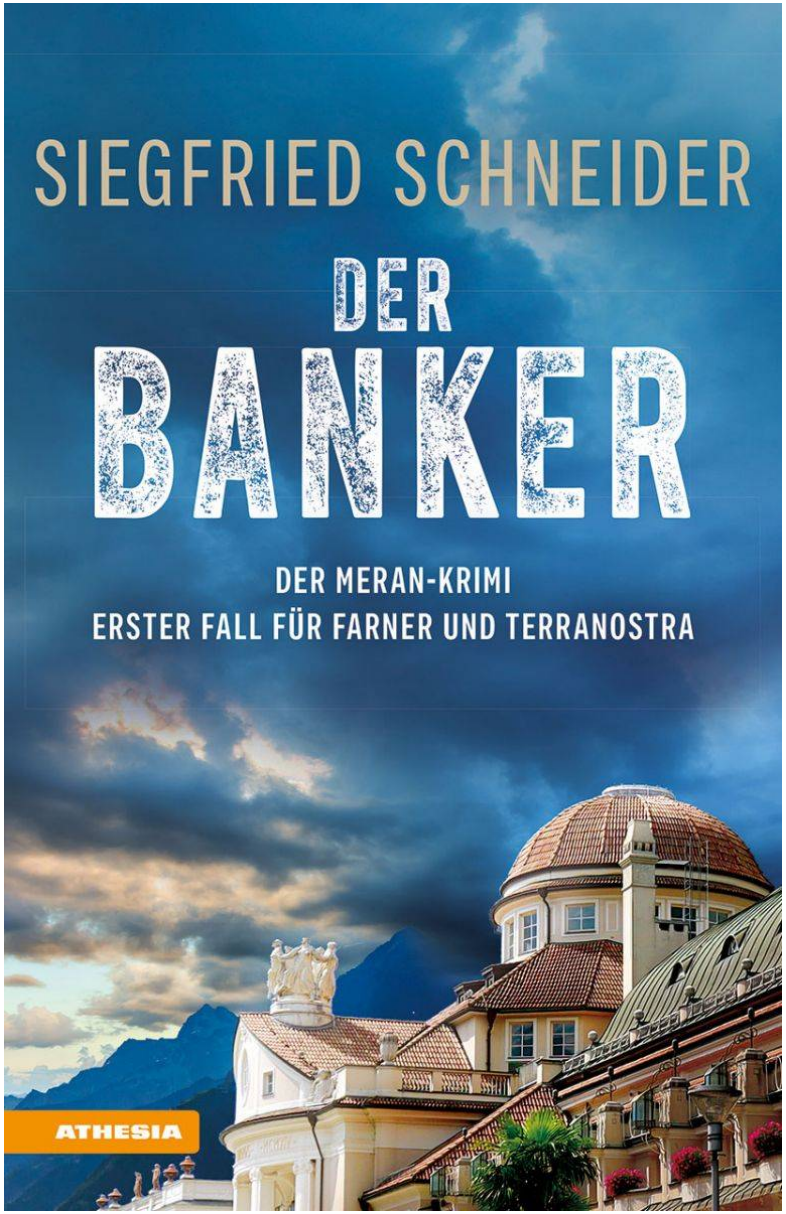
The Banker



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Crime Fiction

The murder of the respected Merano banker Waldner shakes the spa town. Public interest in solving the case and the pressure on the investigators is correspondingly great. But for Lukas Farner, Chief Inspector of the Merano criminal police, and Giovanni Terranostra, maresciallo of the Carabinieri, who have been ordered by the public prosecutor to cooperate, it is also a test of endurance. The two have known each other since their school days - and can't stand each other. But as experienced policemen, they gradually uncover that this Waldner, who was shot in the back with an old Italian military rifle, was anything but a man of honour, and that there were some people in his environment, business and private, who wished him dead.

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We Were Not Allowed To Be Just Children

Author: Elsa Puntaier Gantioler
Publication Date: October, 2022

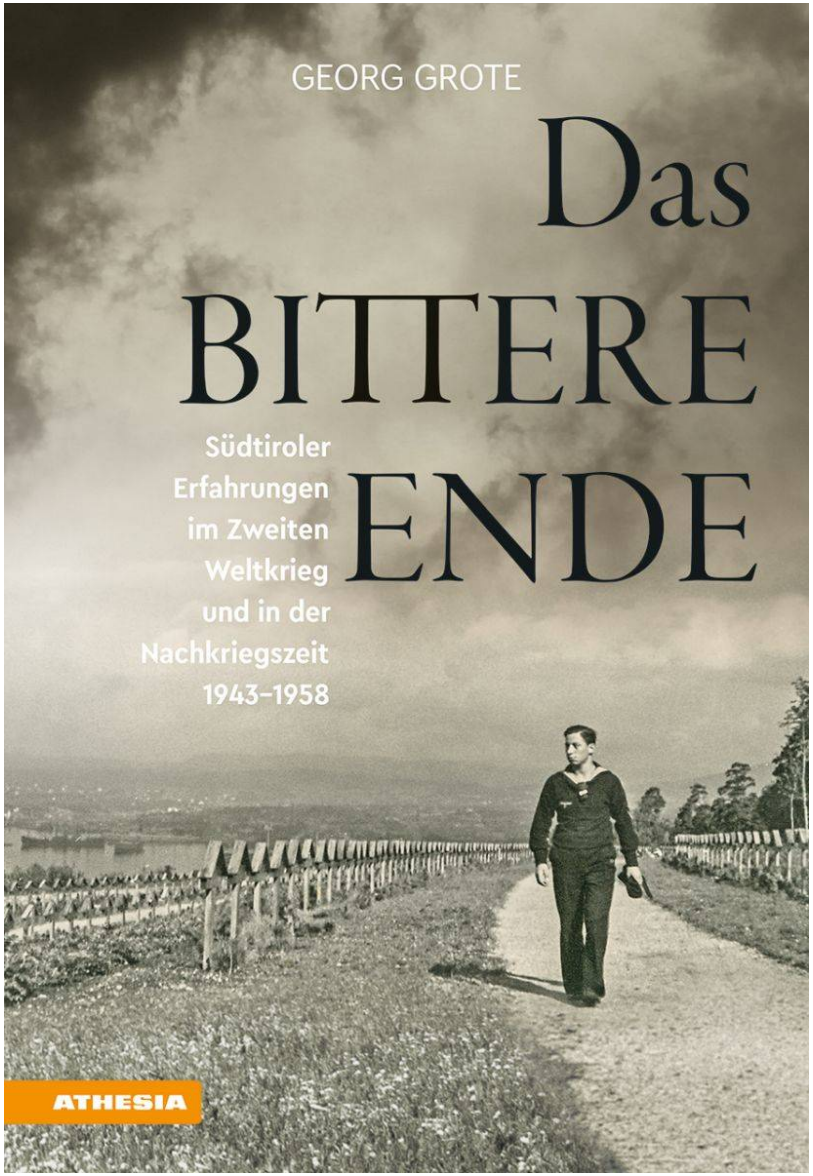
Village stories about the hard rural life

A farmer's wife and mother of ten children tells of her life, as does a Montecatini worker who was sent to prison on suspicion of having blown up a monument to Mussolini. A man from Kollmann sold rats to the people of Bolzano as squirrels to make money. The same man scraped gunpowder from dropped bombs and sold it. The grape innkeeper Heindl, known throughout the country as an innkeeper and trader, tells of his life, as does Heinrich Kamelger from Villabassa, who was ordained a priest in the Bressanone Cathedral and worked in Barbiano as a parish priest and pastor.

Most of the women were not allowed to learn a profession. Even a hunger strike did not help. One young woman was still not allowed to become a midwife because she was needed on the home farm. An unmarried child grew up with a woman in Saubach and was not even looked at by her mother when they met for the first time.

South Tyrol in the interwar period: 25 incredible life stories, collected by the author, recall a long-forgotten time full of hardship and suffering.

The bitter End



Author: Georg Grote
Publication Date: October, 2022

South Tyrolean experiences in the Second World War and the post war period 1943- 1958

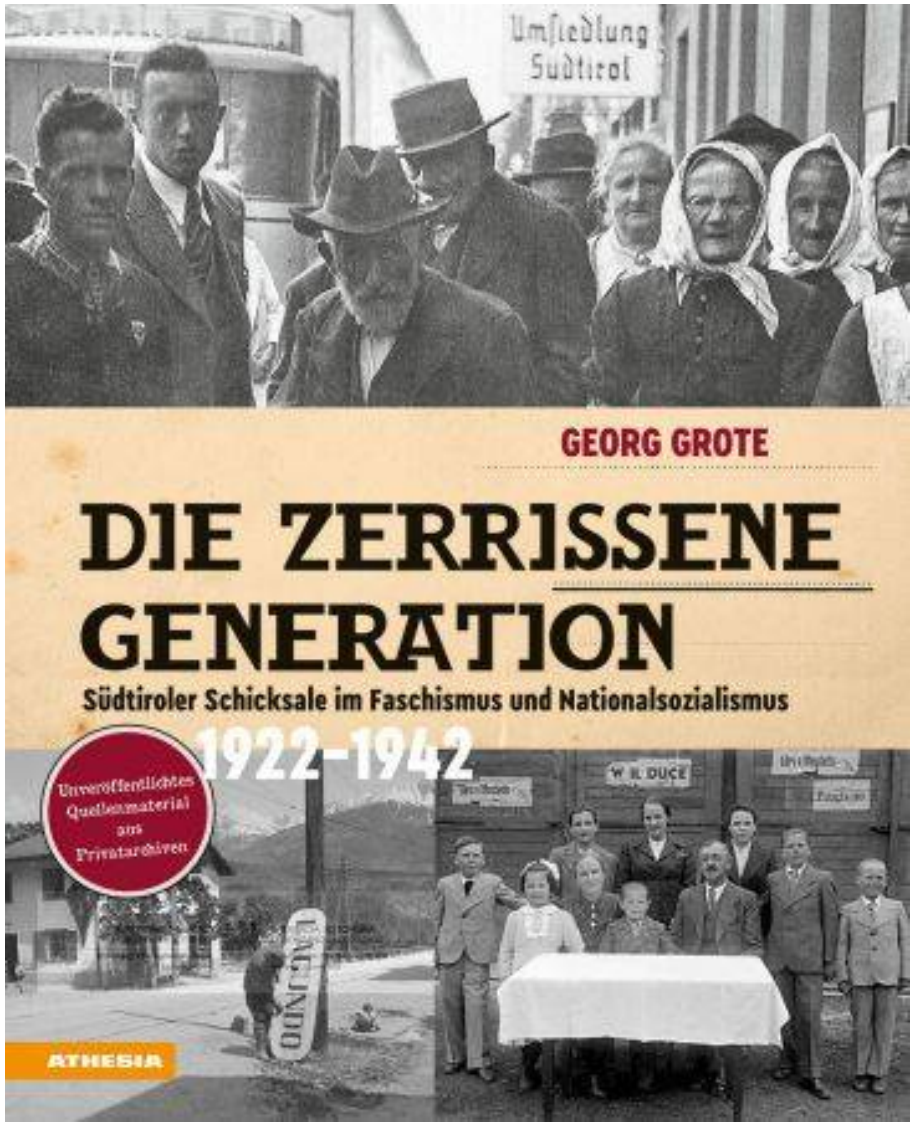
The second half of the World War after the surrender of the 6th Army in Stalingrad in February 1943 also brought the war to South Tyrol. Everyday life is increasingly shaped by the worries of daily survival, and this is also reflected in the correspondence between family members who are separated due to the war.

The end of the war in 1945 ultimately brought the end of all illusions of victory for the German Reich, but also, in its wake, the end of any hope of South Tyrol's reincorporation into Austria. This preoccupied many who found themselves outside South Tyrol after 1945 as a result of the option and whose path to the old homeland was now blocked. The letters from soldiers from Allied captivity - from France to the USA - tell stories of survival in a foreign land and of a changing view of South Tyrol's option decisions of 1939, as well as an incipient reflection on their own responsibility.

The turmoil of the post-war period did not end for most of the displaced with the Treaty of Paris of 1946, and the many letters and field postcards attest to a general disorientation of the individual, but also of society as a whole, which has hardly been taken into account in the traditional historiography of the post-war period. The period between 1945 and 1950 is much more multi-faceted than the political dates of the capitulation, the founding of the SVP, the Treaty of Paris, etc. suggest.

This is the subject of this third volume of the trilogy on the social history of South Tyrol in the 20th century, which uses postcards and letters, diary entries and photographs to create a vivid picture of this turbulent and depressing period and shows how individual people organized their survival/life.

The Disrupted Generation



Author: Georg Grote
Publication Date: October, 2021

South Tyrolean fates under Fascism and National Socialism

This publication examines the traumatic period of forced Italianisation of South Tyrol after Mussolini's rise to power in 1922 and the resettlement option offered by the German Reich and the Kingdom of Italy in 1939 from a hitherto not comprehensively considered point of view: the private correspondence of German-speaking South Tyroleans who, in the face of global political upheaval, tried to steer themselves and their families through these threatening times as unscathed as possible.

The focus on the private sources shows in a way that is as touching as it is depressing the profound inner conflict with which South Tyroleans reacted to the pressure to Italianise and to the option of either becoming homeless Germans after 1939 and thus being at the mercy of the Third Reich's resettlement plans or of continuing to live in their homeland as Italianised South Tyroleans and abandoning their German-speaking culture.

Furthermore, this book deals with the war experiences of young South Tyroleans between 1940 and Stalingrad, the turning point of the war, who, after opting for Germany, were immediately drafted into the Wehrmacht and performed their service for National Socialist Germany on the various war fronts.

With this new approach, the existing history of South Tyrol is decisively enriched by the human experience, which makes the turmoil of the people in their time all the more impressively clear and their decisions more comprehensible.

Mary de Rachewitz

Author: Helmut Luther
Publication Date: October, 2021

Committed to my father Ezra Pound

At Samahof in Gais in Puster Valley she was “The Moidele”. She grew up there as a foster child because her father was married to another woman and her mother did not want to give up her career as a violinist. The fact that her father's name was Ezra Pound, a famous poet, did not matter to her at that time. Moidele helped Tatte, her foster father, with the stable work; she wanted to become a sheep farmer. In the valley, people thought that God did not understand Italian, so they did not need this language. That changed for Moidile, now called Mary, when she got to know her parents' world: classical music, writers like T. S. Eliot, Ernest Hemingway and Samuel Beckett. During the war, Mary worked as a typist for the German army in a military hospital in Cortina. In Rome she met Boris de Rachewiltz, her future husband. With the Egyptologist, she built a memorial to Ezra Pound on the Brunnenburg. Mary became a writer herself and translated Pound's Cantos into Italian.

With her tips and stories in his luggage, author Helmut Luther travels to cities where her parents and she herself left traces. Everywhere he meets contemporary witnesses who remember Pound, Olga Rudge and the bohemian circles in which they both frequented, the rich artistic and intellectual life in Italy of the time. He visits places immortalised in the Cantos. Pound's opus magnum is ideally suited as a - albeit demanding - travel guide. The author meets fascinating personalities. He meets creative people, fun-loving project realisers, comes across things he would otherwise have passed by. He discovers quiet natural landscapes.

The Picture Maker And The Witch House

Authors: C. Omasreiter & K. Scheck
Publication Date: March, 2021
Pages: 352

Crime Fiction

A new case for the photographer Amalia Engl in the South Tyrolean mountain village of Pfunders. The witch house brings every misfortune ... they say in the village. Evi, Amalia's best friend, does not give up the talk and moves into the old walls with her three children. But soon she has to ask herself whether the people in the village weren't right after all: on the very first day she makes a gruesome find, scary things happen in the house and an anonymous letter writer threatens her.

When the owner of the house found the corpse while all of Pfunders was celebrating “Pfundra Kirschta” party, she was frightened. Amalia Engl, who finds it difficult to gain a foothold professionally in South Tyrol and to get a grip on her love life, is eagerly trying to help her friend and to discover the secret of the witch's house. Much to the displeasure of Mareschiallo Marchetti. But anything seems better to her than dealing with her own problems. Because of this, she does not notice that someone close to her is in extreme danger.

The Picture Maker And Big Bad Wolf

Authors: C. Omasreiter & K. Scheck
Publication Date: September, 2019
Pages: 352

Crime Fiction

The wolves are back! Complete South Tyrol is in turmoil. The photographer Amalia returns to her home village of Pfunders in the Puster Valley. On a ski tour, she finds the mangled body of a biologist who vehemently spoke out for the protection of the wolf. The village community is bubbling: Was it the wolves? In order to distract herself from her own turbulent love life, Amalia begins to look around in the village and encounters hostilities, love affairs and dark family secrets that make events appear in a new light.

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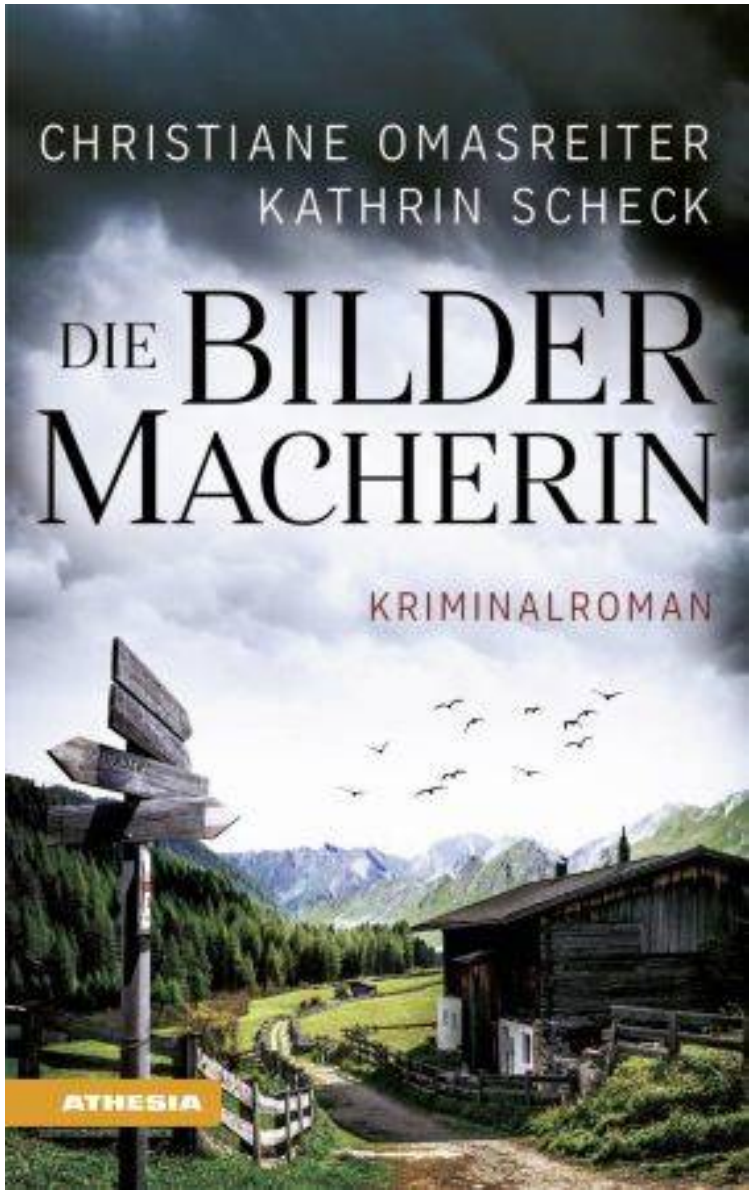
The Picture Maker



Authors: C. Omasreiter & K. Scheck
Publication Date: September, 2018
Pages: 304

Crime Fiction

“Sorry? Grandma was shot? ” Amalia falls from the clouds when she learns at the funeral that her grandmother did not die of natural causes. What at first looks like a terrible hunting accident turns out to be a cold-blooded murder. What do the Pfundrer hunters and a well-known poacher have to hide? In search of the motif, the young photographer penetrates ever more deeply into her grandmother's eventful past and learns something unexpected from her youth during the South Tyrolean bombing years.

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New

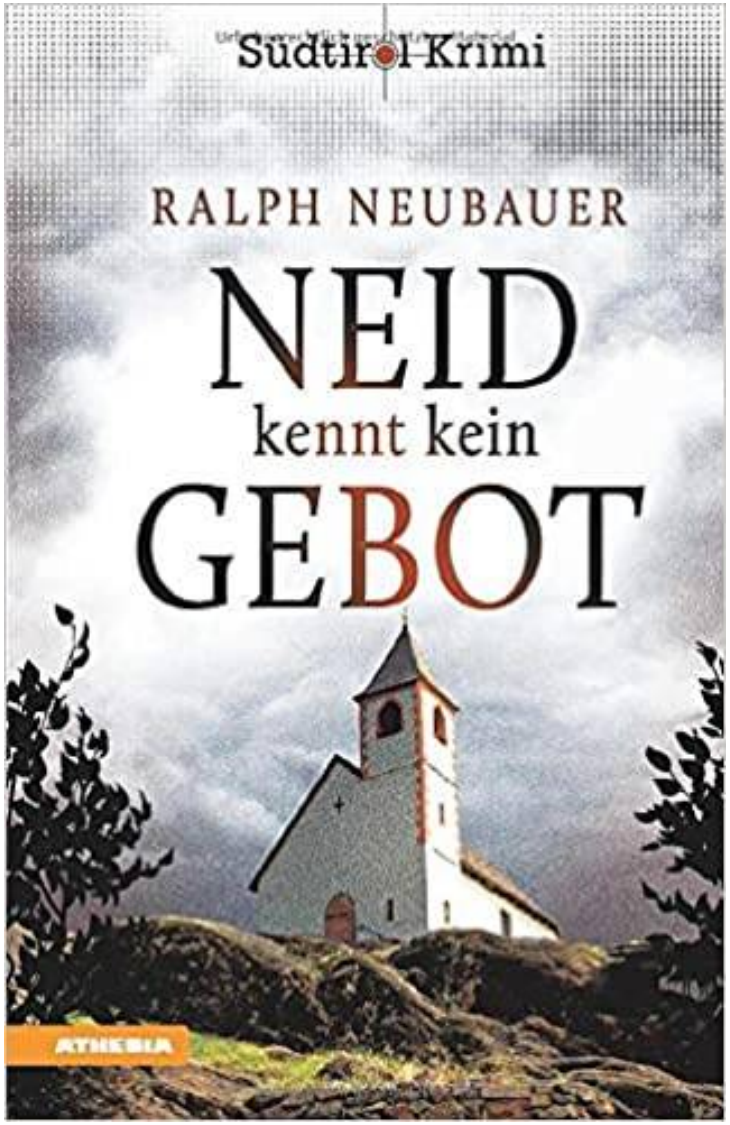
Dead Women Are Not Silent

Author: Ralph Neubauer
Publication Date: September, 2022

South Tyrol Thriller #9
www.südtirolkrimi.de

A walled-in corpse in the cellar of a historic inn in Lana is uncovered by chance. Is it a case for archaeology or for Comissario Fameo? During the recovery work, the investigators find a second body. Without a doubt not a case for archaeology, but for the Polizia di Stato. Fabio Fameo takes up the investigation and gets caught up in a parforceride through the last 100 years. Everything is somehow connected to everything else. The points at which the events are linked are far apart in time. Before the connections can be clarified, a brutal robbery-murder of a wealthy farmer's wife takes place. She is disfigured beyond recognition. Suspicion is directed towards travelling gangs. Or are there reasons for this horrible deed in the woman's past? Self-appointed amateur detectives work in the background, the local reporter knows many things earlier than the police would like, old stories are cleared up, finally understood and all the main characters of the crime novel change their place in the system. Afterwards, everything is back to square one.

Envy Knows No Command

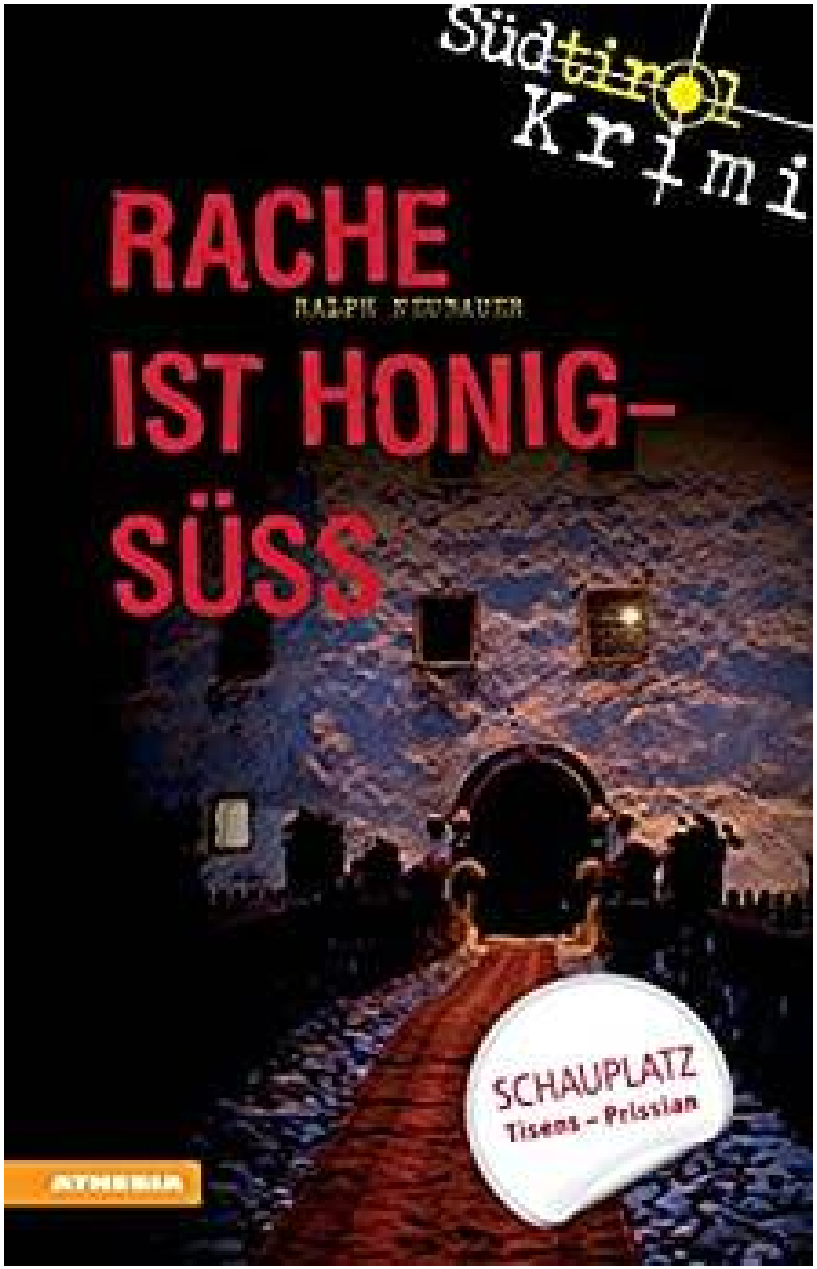


Author: Ralph Neubauer
Publication Date: August, 2020
Pages: 368

South Tyrol Thriller #8
www.südtirolkrimi.de

South Tyrol's idyllic appearance is destroyed when tourists find a severed arm in a dark pond. A leg is found the same day. Everything of a human body will soon be found except for the head. But who dismembered corpses and why? The sites are lonely and a macabre staging indicates old, long forgotten customs and rituals. The investigator trio quickly holds many threads, but none of them seem to be leading. Concrete people come into the eye of the investigators. But as long as no one knows who the dead man was and how he died, nothing can be proven to them. The tourists, initially just witnesses, develop their own theory, based on a crime case from Münster in 1957. Inspector Fabio Fameo is not enthusiastic. And then the head appears! Here too, the perpetrator has come up with something that is stunned. In the background, Carabiniere Tommaso Caruso and Chief Prosecutor Hagen Bös deal with cases that shed light on the contradiction between law and justice, guilt and atonement. This thriller takes readers to the area around the municipality of Tisens, the Ultental and side scenes are the Schnalstal and Bozen.

Revenge Is Honey-Sweet



Author: Ralph Neubauer
Publication Date: June 2017
Pages: 232 – **6 Editions!**

South Tyrol Thriller #1
www.südtirolkrimi.de

A dubious accident in the village of Tisens, which hides a story that is deeply rooted in the past of South Tyrol ... Commissario Fabio Fameo from Rome, sent to Bolzano, who at first stumbles awkwardly through his new territory before his criminalistic ingenuity reveals the background to this case encourages ... His new partner and a new love that help him understand and appreciate South Tyrol and its people ... The South Tyrol thriller that will trap you!

Ralph Neubauer, born in Düsseldorf in 1960, has lived in Haan in the Rhineland since 1987. He is married and has two grown-up children. Before his retirement, he worked for four years at local courts and 36 years at the Ministry of Justice in Düsseldorf in various positions. Since 2010, he has been writing the successful series Südtirolkrimi for Athesia-Tappeiner Verlag, with which he approaches history, tradition, customs, ways of life and ways of thinking in South Tyrol.

Love Makes You Blind of Rage

Author: Ralph Neubauer
Publication Date: May, 2018
Pages: 352 – **4 Editions!**

South Tyrol Thriller #2
www.südtirolkrimi.de

Two gruesome murders in the Pfossental, high up in the lonely mountains ... Commissario Fameo comes into play after the first body has been found. During his investigation, he came across a dating agency through which a hermit builder from the Pfossental valley got his wife from Romania ... The second South Tyrol thriller from our series! The somewhat different travel guide up into the mountains of South Tyrol. The Pfossental in the Schnalstal - the place where Ötzis was found - and the city of Bozen are the main places of action in this South Tyrol thriller.

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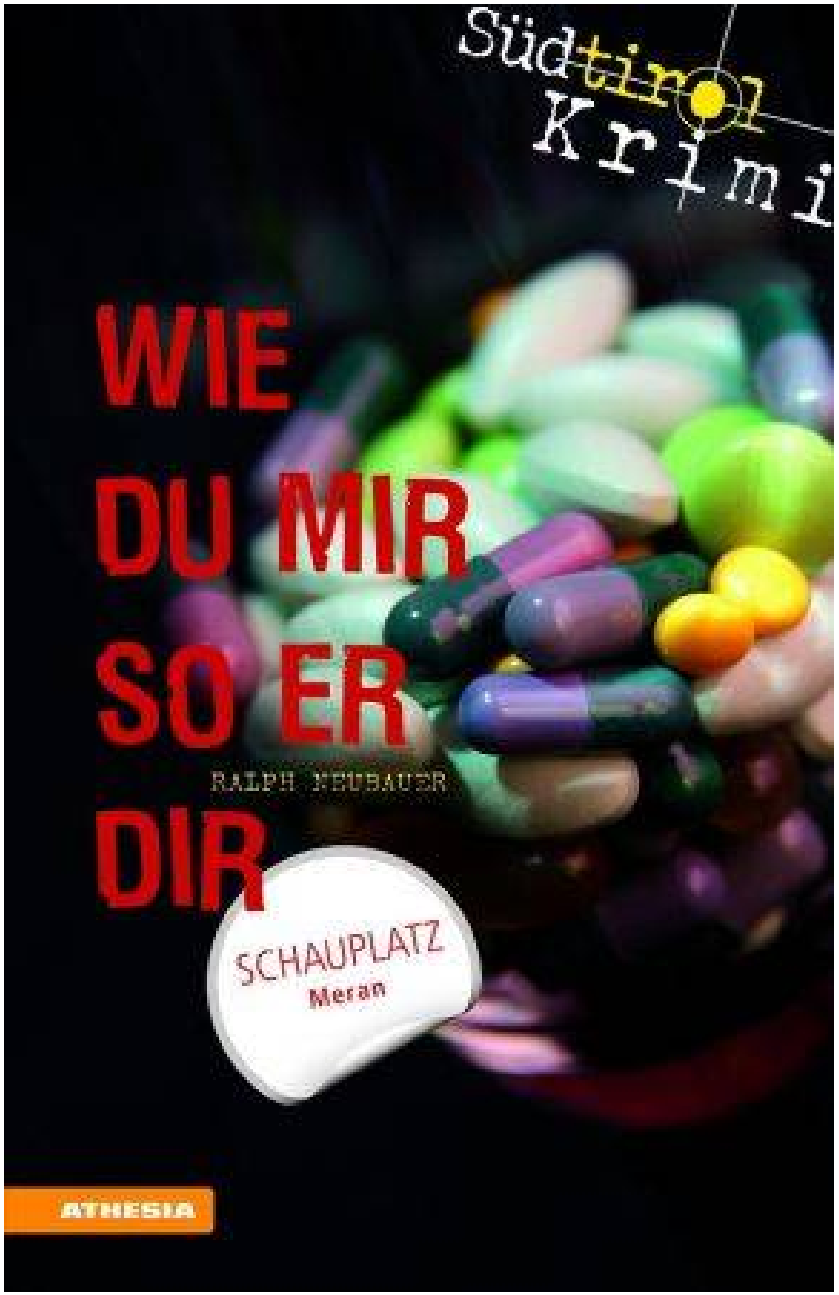

Author: Ralph Neubauer
Publication Date: September, 2018
Pages: 272 – **3 Editions!**

South Tyrol Thriller #3
www.südtirolkrimi.de

Two mysterious murders in Merano - at intervals. Killing method identical. The first body is missing the eyes, the second body is missing the tongue. The first murdered man is involved in medication. Commissario Fameo and his assistant find themselves in a tricky story with a highly explosive background. Nothing is what it seems. Tangled threads and variants of dependencies are the ingredients of this South Tyrol crime thriller.

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Appearances Are Cheating

Author: Ralph Neubauer
Publication Date: January, 2017
Pages: 304 – **2 Editions!**

South Tyrol Thriller #4
www.südtirolkrimi.de

The international art trade, counterfeiting, fraud, beautiful banknotes and money laundering are the crimes Commissario Fabio Fameo, Tommaso Caruso and Francesca Giardi have to deal with in this South Tyrol thriller. Deaths that initially do not suggest a crime, an artist as a victim and a mysterious traffic accident give the investigators an inkling that this time they are dealing with criminals of a special caliber.

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Comes Time, Comes Action

Author: Ralph Neubauer
Publication Date: March, 2018
Pages: 256 , **2 Editions!**

South Tyrol Thriller #5
www.südtirolkrimi.de

A dead man in Glurns raises questions; initially everything points to suicide. And a cold trace that Fabio Fameo wanted to file becomes hot again when an unknown female body is found in Merano. South Tyrolean history, women's work abroad, complicated human entanglements, fear and greed are the ingredients of this South Tyrol crime thriller, the actions of which all take place in original settings. The main location of this 5th South Tyrol thriller is the smallest town in South Tyrol's Glurns, a medieval gem.

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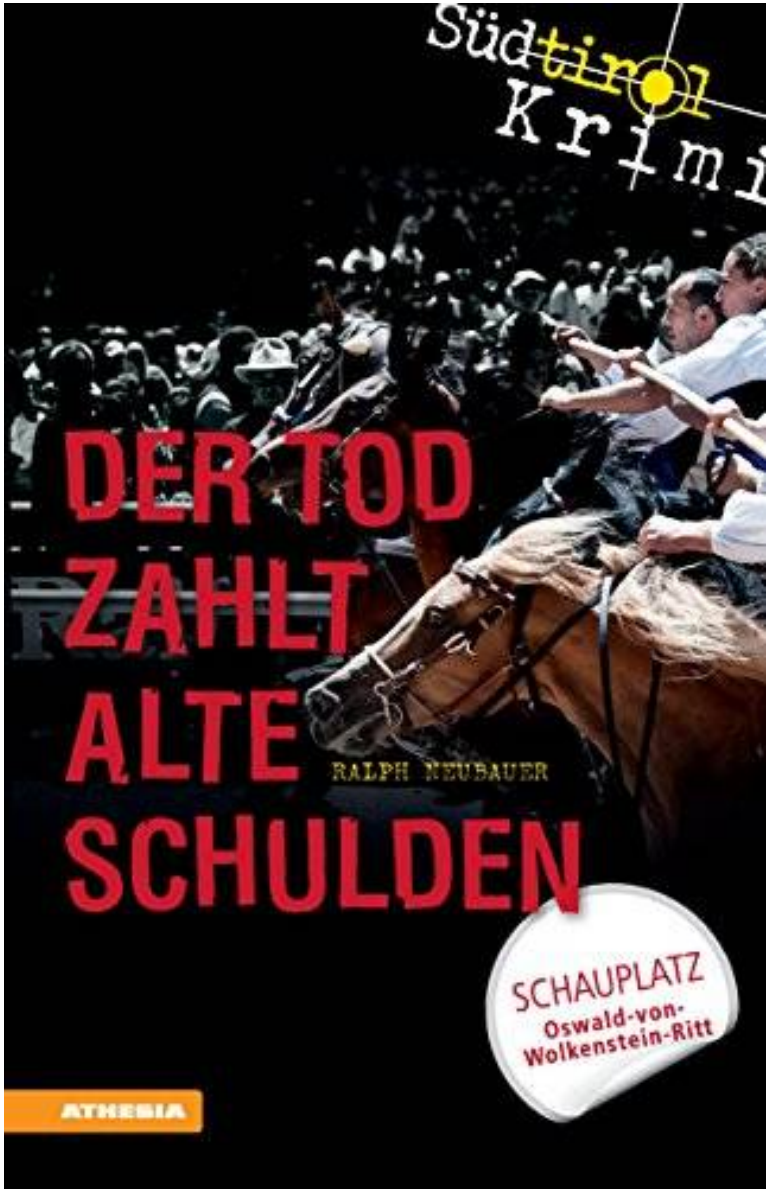
Death Pays Old Debts



Author: Ralph Neubauer
Publication Date: April, 2015
Pages: 304

South Tyrol Thriller #6
www.südtirolkrimi.de

A man disappears without a trace. A spectacular riding accident puzzles. A story that comes from the past and illuminates the present. Inspector Fabio Fameo investigates against the backdrop of the Oswald-von-Wolkenstein ride. He unexpectedly gets competition. The event tears open old wounds. Delicate rope teams should be built on. Anyone who wants to prevent this is harmed. The tragedy of the fall stems from South Tyrol's history and ends in the mythical landscape of the Sciliar area.

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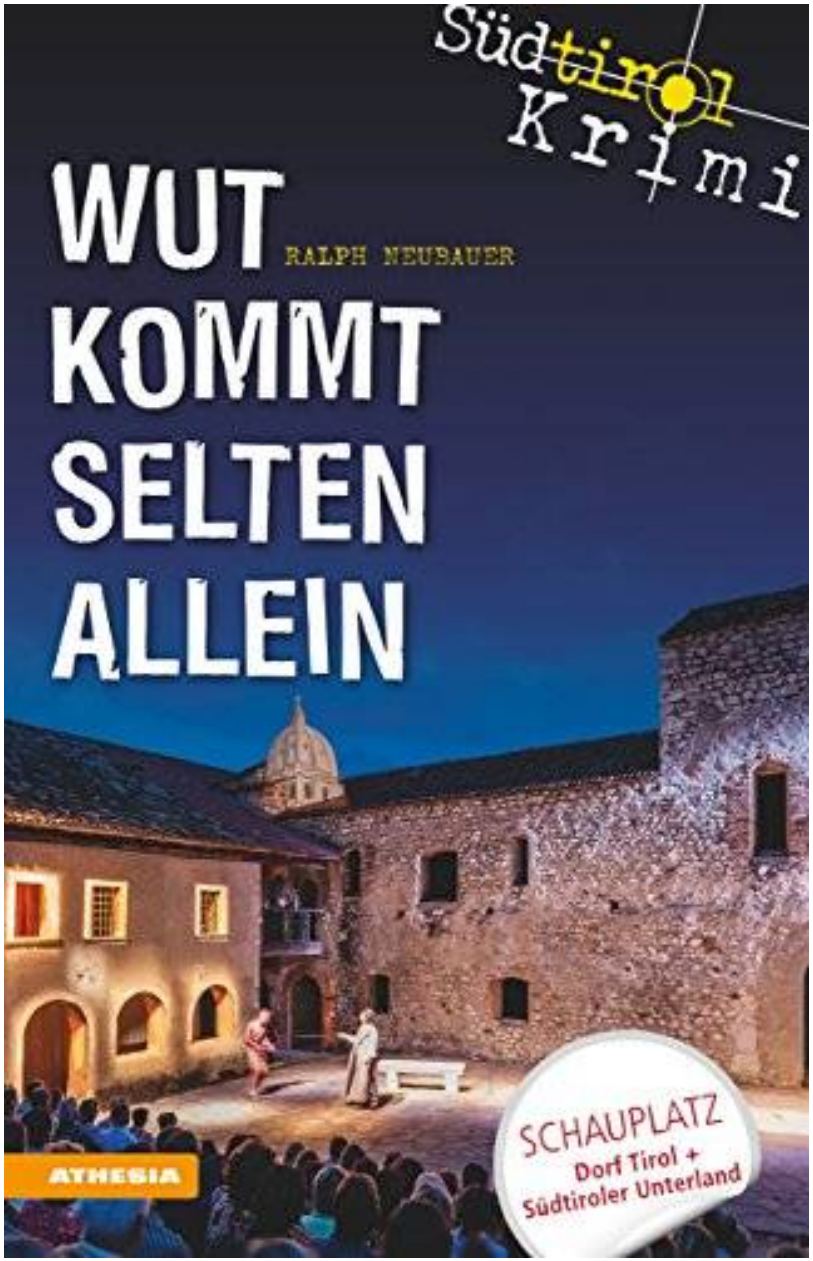
Anger Rarely Comes Alone



Author: Ralph Neubauer
Publication Date: March, 2018
Pages: 368

South Tyrol Thriller #7
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Is there murder without a motive? Hard to imagine for Commissario Fabio Fameo and his friend Carabiniere Tommaso Caruso. They both determine it in different cases and yet there are connections that come to light late, very late. In their search for the connections, the investigators encounter the colorful world of acting, in which feelings are professionally portrayed. But what if the anger portrayed on stage scares reality? The scene of this 7th South Tyrol thriller is the village of Tyrol and the South Tyrolean lowlands.

Ralph Neubauer, born in Düsseldorf in 1960, has lived in Haan in the Rhineland since 1987. He is married and has two grown-up children. Before his retirement, he worked for four years at local courts and 36 years at the Ministry of Justice in Düsseldorf in various positions. Since 2010, he has been writing the successful series Südtirolkrimi for Athesia-Tappeiner Verlag, with which he approaches history, tradition, customs, ways of life and ways of thinking in South Tyrol.

Prisioners Of The Fortress

Author: Rolf Hentzschel
Publication Date: June, 2019
Pages: 416

Historical Novel

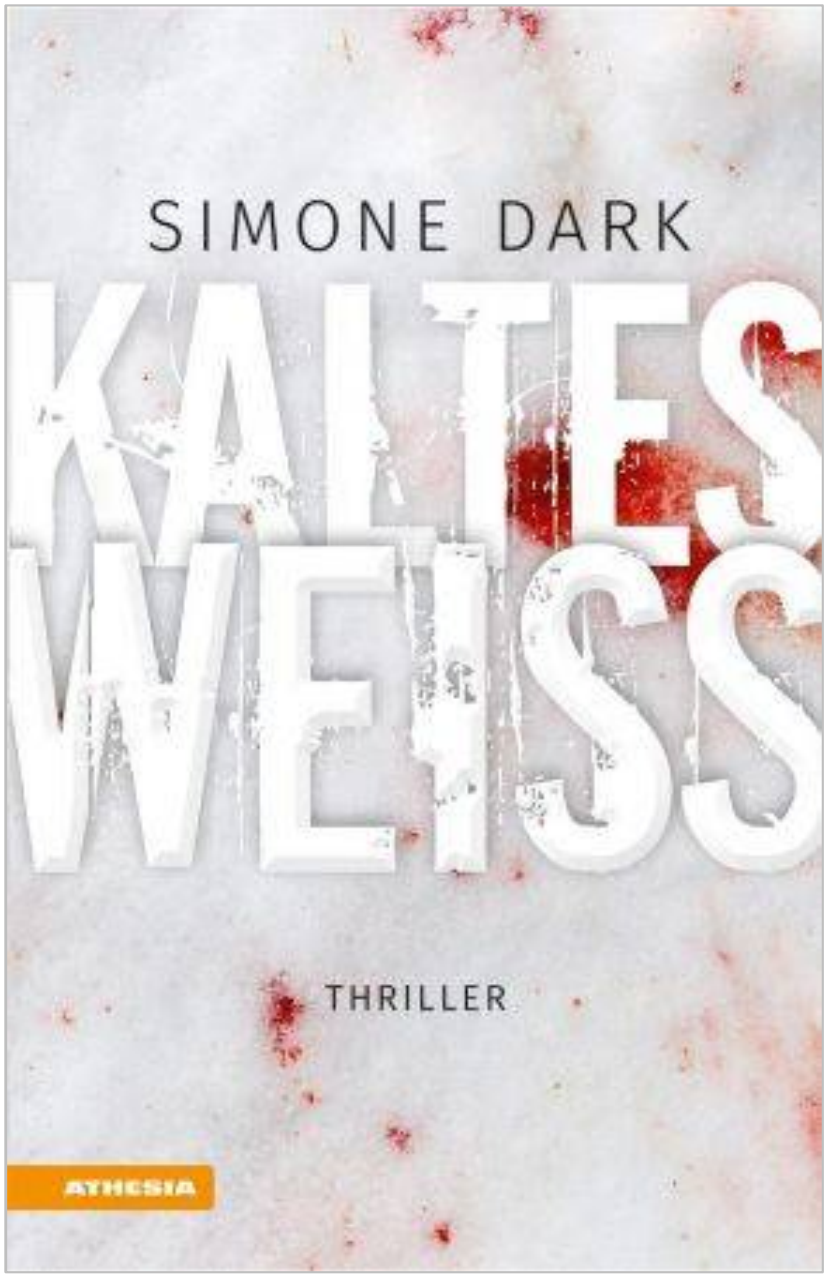
The construction of the Austrian fort Martinella on the Italian border brings unprecedented prosperity to the inhabitants of the mountain village of Palera. But then one of them disappears mysteriously on the eve of the First World War.

Was he a spy or was he a victim of a crime? When the garrison, a mix from five nations moves into the fort, the village changed again. But the idyll doesn't last long. The war with Italy brought great suffering to the villagers and three of the fortress soldiers died. The inhabitants of Palera and Fort Martinella remained connected to one another in a fateful manner even in the eventful decades after the First World War. Again and again people meet here, who do not let the disappearance of their fellow citizens and the death of the three soldiers rest.

In the 1960s, two hobby researchers tried to reconstruct one of the possible truths about the death of the three soldiers from the historical puzzle pieces. They read through the archives in Vienna, Trento and Rome, crawl through the underground passages of the fortress and conduct interviews with veterans.

But what appeared at first glance to be a classic soldier's fate leads the two to surprising discoveries.

Cold White



Author: Simone Dark
Publication Date: March, 2019
Pages: 264

Thriller

Do you actually know Ferdinand Gufler? The boy from the Martell Valley with the stiff leg who grew up in the rear Martell Valley in South Tyrol, with the shield builders, the stubborn Franz and his sad wife Else, who the promised husband went through the rags. He had good parents, but the avalanche took his mother far too early. Exactly, Marie, a dear woman who could see ghosts and whose mother went into the forest to die. Poor boy, now his father is in the hospital, the avalanche caught him too. It was only this way that was to blame ...

Born in Freiburg in 1982, Simone Dark has been living in South Tyrol since 2008 and works as a translator in Bolzano. She has published several novels.

She Didn’t Want To Say Mom

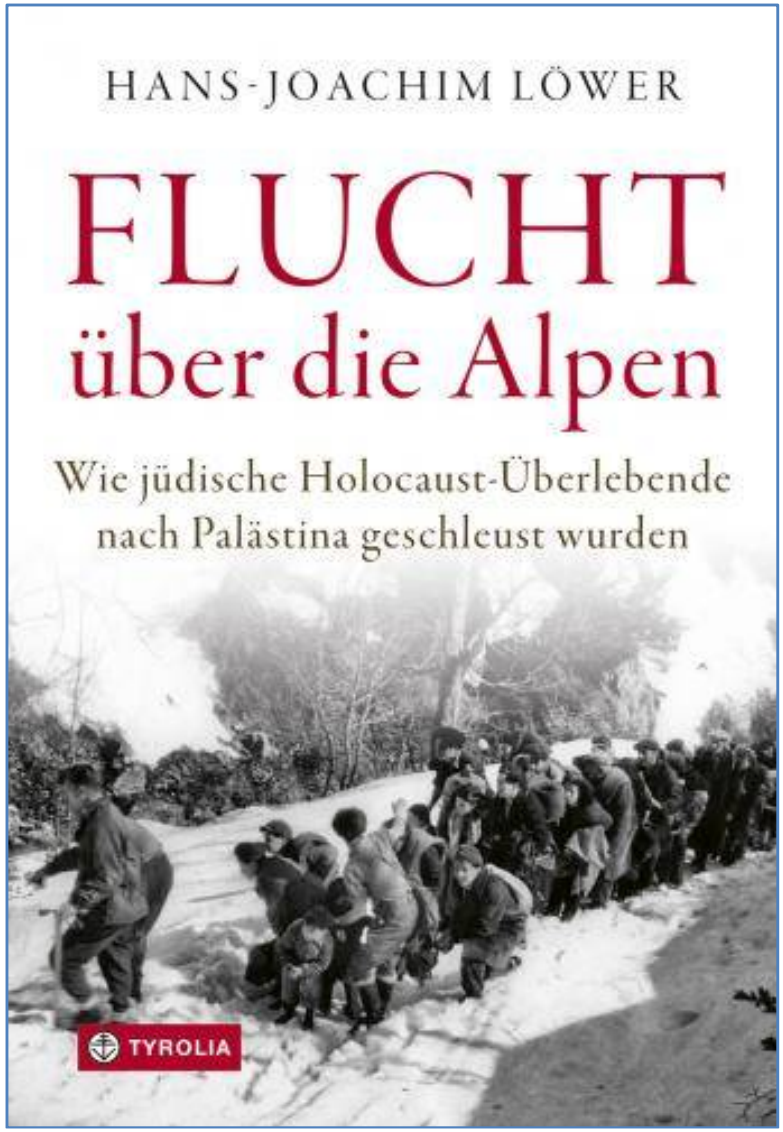
Author: Sylvia Maria Zöschg
Publication Date: November, 2017
Pages: 176

Novel

Little Michaela is hospitalized with serious injuries. She barely survives the severe ill-treatment inflicted on her by her birth parents. Back in the healing environment of her foster family, the little girl blooms. She becomes a master in forgetting and repressing. The only disruptive factor here is the mother-woman, who visits her again and again and who keeps in mind a reality that Michaela cannot and does not want to admit. Years later, the young woman finds herself in an emotional storm that breaks down her carefully constructed protective wall.

Sylvia Maria Zöschg was born in Merano in 1980. She is married, has two children, lives and works in Lana. Some of her stories have been published in anthologies.

Escape Over The Alps



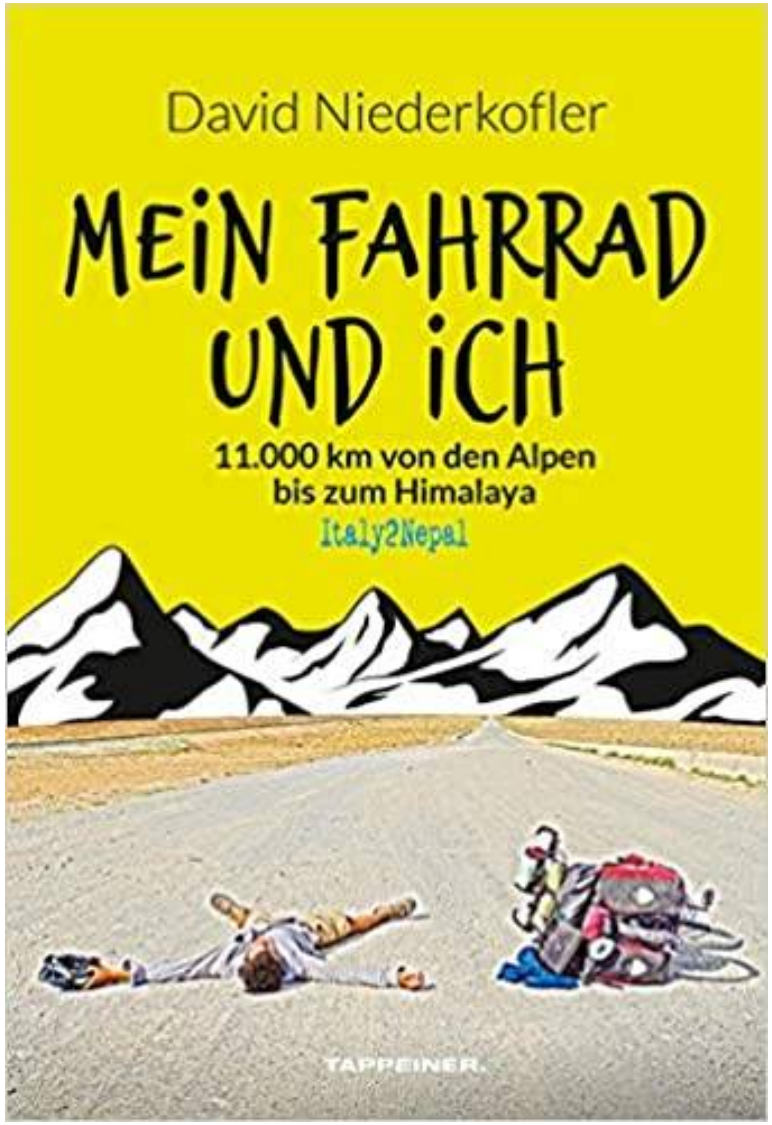
Author: Hans-Joachim Löwer
Publication Date: April 2021
Pages: 336

After Germany's surrender in World War II, the small remnant of Jews who survived the Holocaust are looking for a new home. Liberated concentration camp inmates, resistance fighters who emerged from the underground and people who had lived in hiding for years formed into streams of refugees who moved across the devastated Europe. Many of them are ready to turn their backs on the continent forever and embark on a perilous journey to Palestine.

This book describes the dramatic events on the basis of 45 chronologically arranged episodes, provides information about the camps of the post-war period, the secret network of escape helpers, the routes over Alpine passes to South Tyrol and from there to the Italian ports, where the ships to Palestine under cover of night waited.

Also world political events that played a decisive role in the smuggling operations, such as the Jewish pogrom in Kielce, Poland, the attack on the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, the fate of the "Exodus" passengers and the UN partition plan for Palestine form the complex framework of this escape.

My Bike and Me

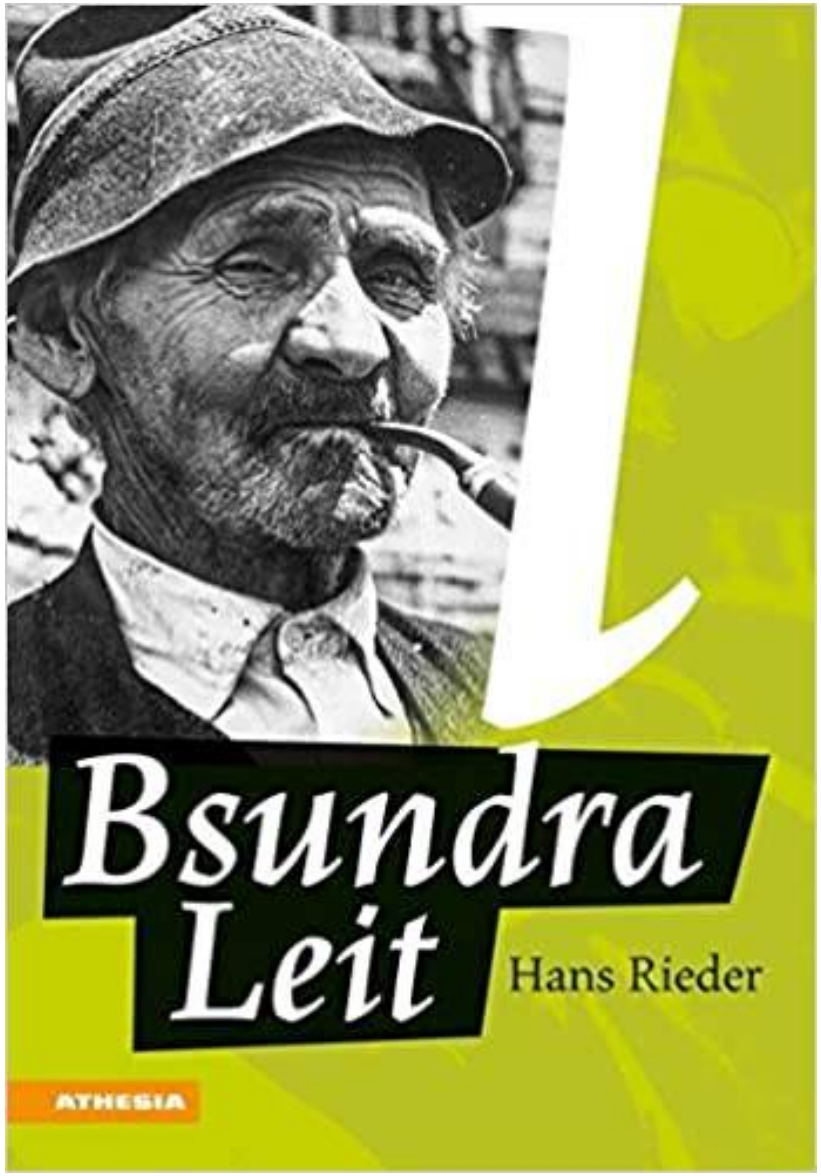


Author: David Niederkofler
Publication Date: April, 2021
Pages: 256

David Niederkofler rode his bike from Italy to Nepal. After a long preparation time, his journey begins on March 11th, 2019 in Luttach in Ahrntal, South Tyrol, and ends after 256 days and 10,921 kilometers at the Everest Base Camp in the Himalaya Mountains. David only has his bike and a couple of bags with him. He sleeps in a tent and cooks by the fire. On his bike trip around the world, he travels to 18 countries, experiences unforgettable moments, and acquaintances often lead to friendships.

In this book he lets us take part in his journey, he shares with us his fears, hopes, longings, defeats and success story. He reports in detail about the different countries, their inhabitants and their peculiarities, their hospitality, their needs and fears and lets us think about the wonderful, sometimes disturbing sights of a country and its people.

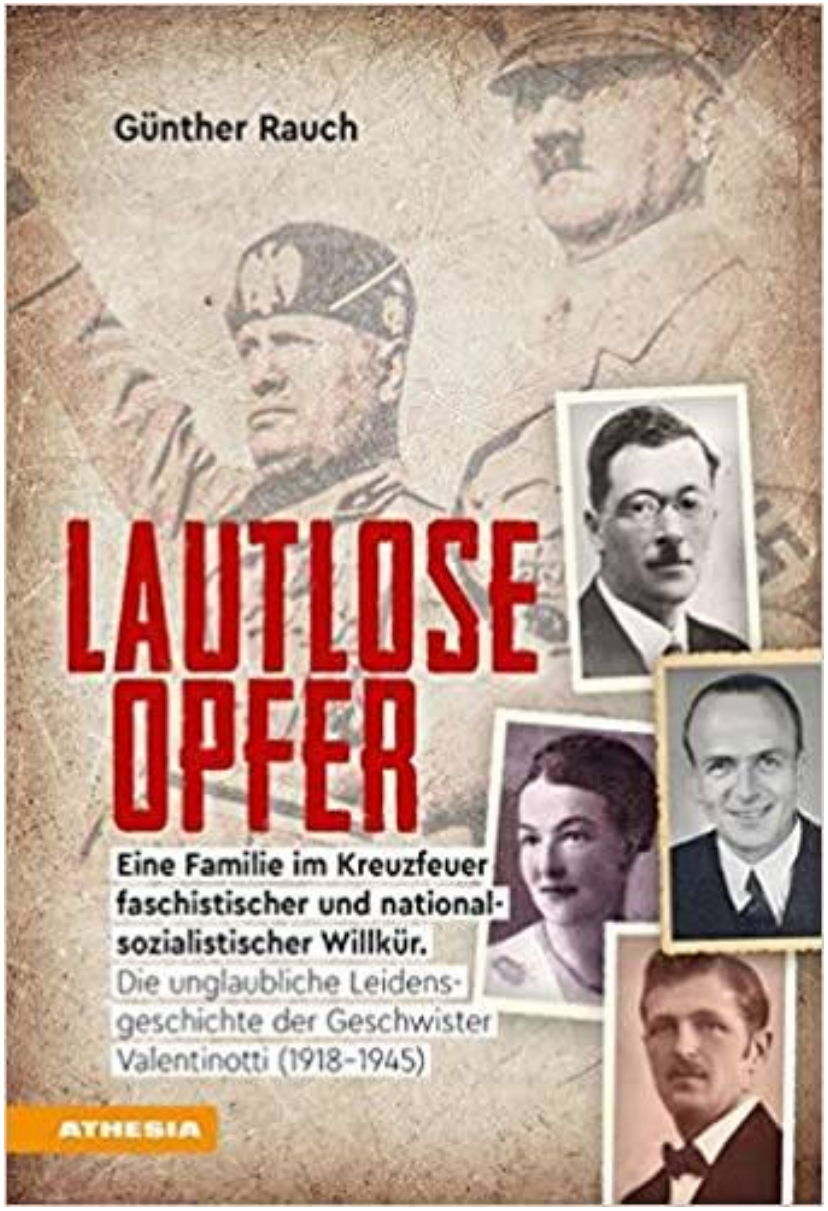
Special People



Author: Hans Rieder
Publication Date: October, 2020
Pages: 288

Hans Rieder is known for his sensitive written stories about the hard life in the past century in South Tyrol. Contemporary witnesses, mainly from the rural milieu, indicate their bitter needs, their great poverty, their ubiquitous hunger, the misery of war, their troubles of everyday life. For his latest work, the author collected life stories from special people, “Bsundra Leit”, with memories and episodes from therr lifes. They do great things on their farms, organize their lives under simple conditions, pursue the hard life of farmers and endure their fate. Poverty, hard day-to-day work are part of their everyday life and they learn to live with it. But “Special People” are also people who break out of their usual way of life because of their lifestyle and thus provide additional topics for conversation in the villages. Often it is a matter of cheerful episodes that are continued for a long time. They all have one thing in common: strong roots in the courtyards, the home valley and the modest means that have to be worked out every day. So the actors continue to live with their life stories in the vernacular. There remain the stories of people who are popularly referred to as “Bsundra Leit”.

Silent Victims



Author: Günther Rauch
Publication Date: October, 2020
Pages: 352

Much of the historical facts and horrific things that have happened between the First and Second World Wars have been made generally and permanently accessible through numerous scientific works and publications in recent years. Nevertheless, a lot remained and remains hidden. Many dark and painful chapters of the tearing of Tyrol, the hate against everything Austrian, the extermination of the South Tyrolean folk culture planned since 1918, option and resettlement of the South Tyrolean and other fascist and swastika, but also Red Guardian crimes have been transfigured or hidden. Günther Rauch, one of the best connoisseurs of the black and brown years in South Tyrol, uses the unequal and shattering path of life of the Valentinotti siblings from Bolzano to trace the serious wounds that two world wars and dictatorships tore open in the southern Alps. Terrible things happened to three of the seven Valentinotti siblings. Karl Valentinotti, imperial hunter and eldest brother, has been recorded as a trading agent by the Italian black shirts since 1923 in a list of around 500 "subversive Pangermanist elements" and is constantly shadowed by the secret services. In 1944, Maria and Stefan Valentinotti were tortured and murdered because of their South Tyrolean existence. Midi was desecrated by Stalinist-communist partisans and shot on a potato field in Zopodn. Her brother Stefan, a late Russian returnee from the First World War and a staunch supporter of Hitler and Mussolini and a passionate supporter of a "Free State of South Tyrol", learned of this in a letter from his wife in the fascist prison in Brandenburg-Görden a few days before his execution with the Fall ax by the National Socialists. This book, based on years of research and real events, also gives a unique and realistic insight into the tragedies that took place in Tyrol and Europe from 1914 to 1945. The consequences can still be seen today.

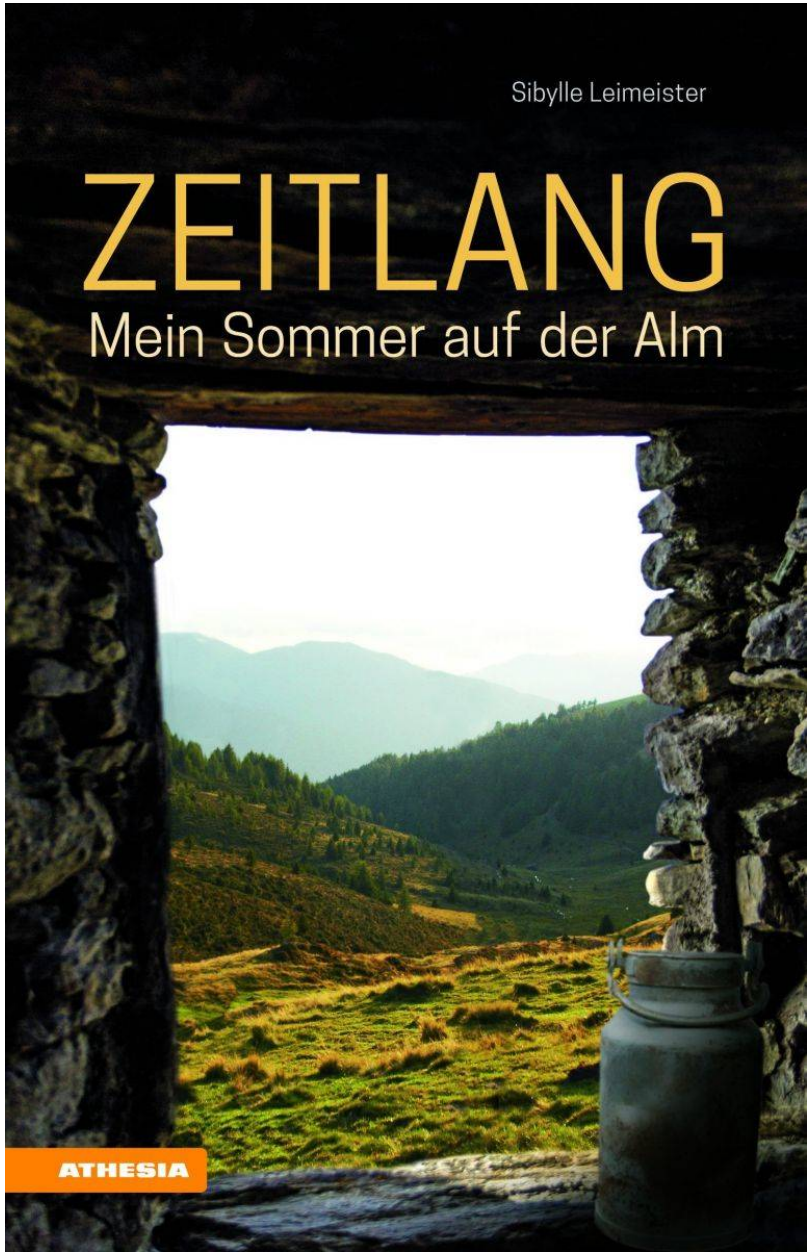
Tough Years – Strong Women

Authors: S. Mahlknecht & K.Weiss
Publication Date: November, 2018
Pages: 192, **3rd Edition!**

Women from South Tyrol relate

The book tells true stories from the lives of five South Tyrolean women, starting in the Habsburg monarchy around 1900 until today. Against the backdrop of fascism, war, the post-war era and the dawn of modernity, they report their way through the 20th century, marked by hard work, poverty and oppression, but also by moments of happiness and strength.

For a Long Time

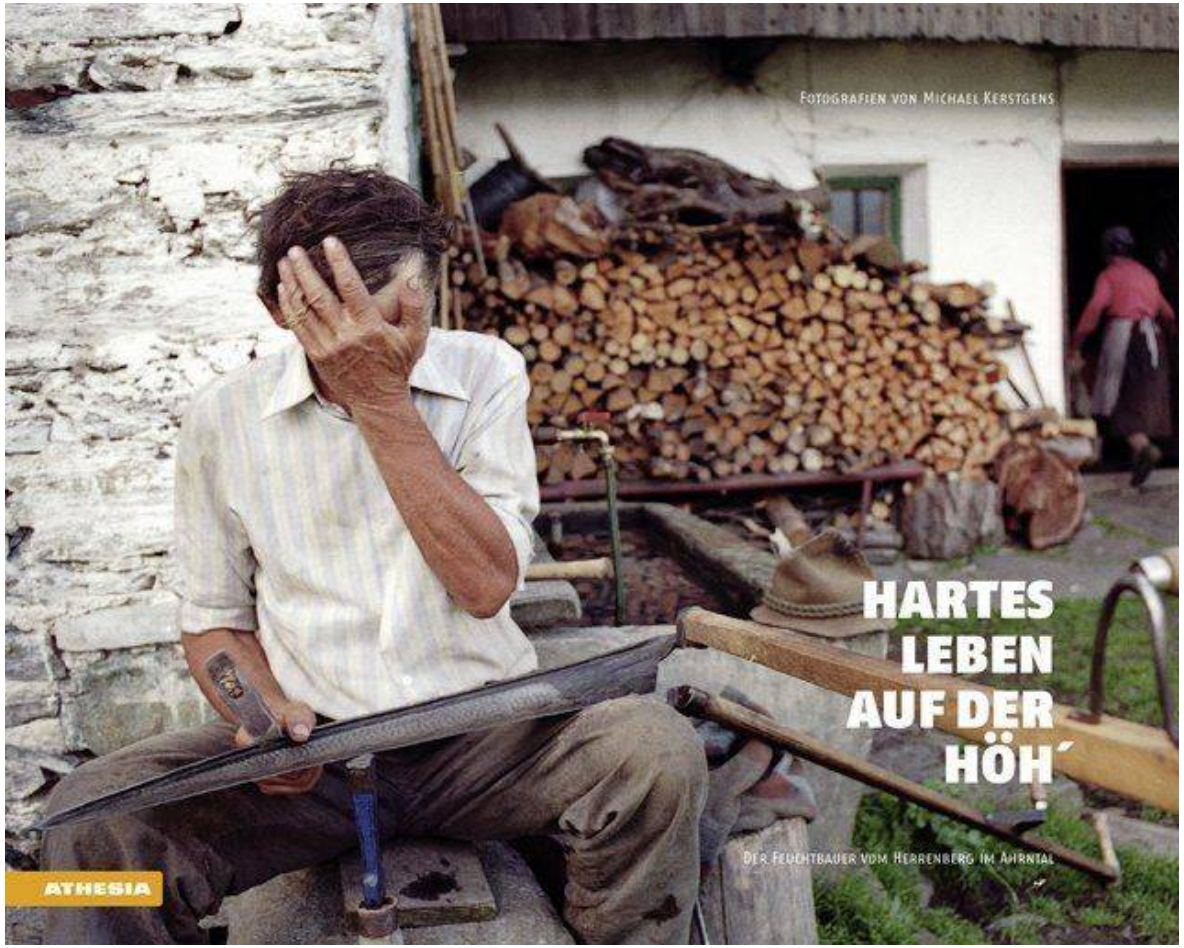


Author: Sibylle Leimeister
Publication Date: April, 2017
Pages: 256

My Summer on the mountain pasture

A city dweller as a volunteer at an altitude of two thousand meters on an alpine pasture - can that work? Instead of calm and tranquility, the author finds conflicts with the farmer and hordes of hikers on the dream path Munich – Venice. Sibylle Leimeister lets us look into all the windows of a mountain hut. She shows the residents and visitors with great sympathy without transfiguring life on the mountain pasture. It is turbulent and subtle, boyish and quiet, while she is on the verge of giving up and to go home. But with wit and courage she masters every border situation. At the end of alpine summer, Sibylle takes a piece of mountain nature with her, in exchange for part of her heart.

Hard Life On The Heights



Author: Michael Kerstgens & Lois Auer
Publication Date: July, 2017
Pages: 144, illustrated, **2 Editions!**

Lois Auer, wet farmer from Herrenberg in the Ahrntal, was a mountain farmer who was given the job by the seasons and the weather. One who never left his farm and the valley because there was too much work. Together with his old mother Anna, he ran the Feuchthof am Herrenberg, as the ancestors had done for centuries and to which he felt committed.

The book tells the story of an unusual person, his work, his life and his loneliness. The South Tyrolean journalist Gabriel Grüner and German photographer Michael Kerstgens had made a report about the Ahrntaler mountain farmers for the magazine "Stern". The collaboration ended with a promise: the humidifier, as the farmer in the valley was called, wanted a book only after his death. He died in 2010.

When Potato Fires Were Burning

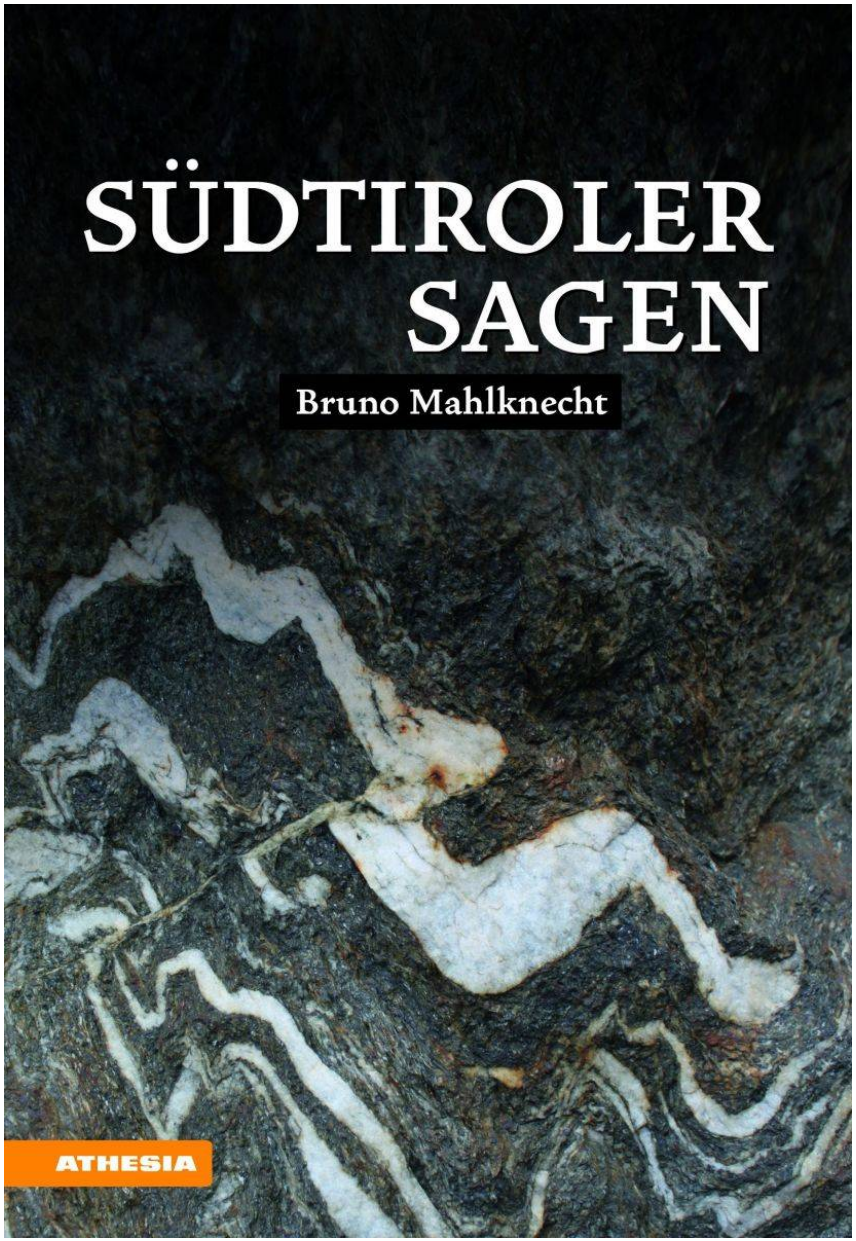
Author: Konrad Steger
Publication Date: March, 2016
Pages: 192, **2 Editions!**

Authentic family history from the Ahrntal Valley in the 1960s and 1970s. 50 years ago, the Ahrntal, like most of the villages in South Tyrol, was a farming world. Then everything started to change very quickly, even radically.

Five siblings who grew up on an Ahrntal farm tell a humorous story about this change: about poor life and child labor, about the new era, about the first tourists who brought unrest to house and village.

The stories also deal with the joys and needs of puberty and what can happen to family members when they have to leave their parents' nest ...

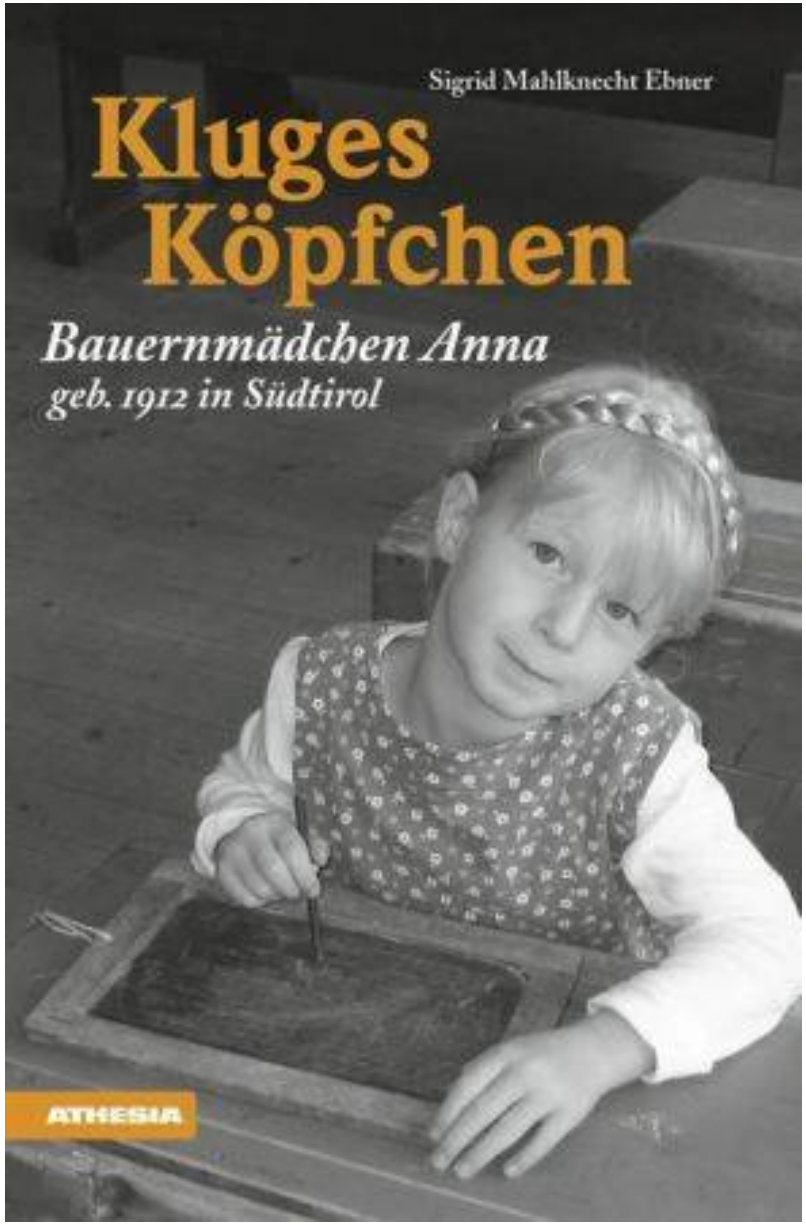
Legends From South Tyrol



Author: Bruno Mahlknecht
Publication Date: March, 2016
Pages: 404, **6 Editions!**

This book offers a good selection from the “classics” that were collected by the legend collectors Ignaz Vinzenz Zingerle and Johann Adolf Heyl in the 19th century and from the vast number of sagas that other collectors from the 16th century have been gathered. The author selected 525 of them and carefully translated them into today's language. Some legends have also been completely redesigned without, of course, changing the core. All legends are arranged according to subject areas: from church building and bell legends to ghost stories, sagas about devil and witches, dragons, giants and dwarfs. You can also find legends about salt mines, treasures and castles, and of course sagas legends about water, pestilence, black death and much more...

Clever Brain

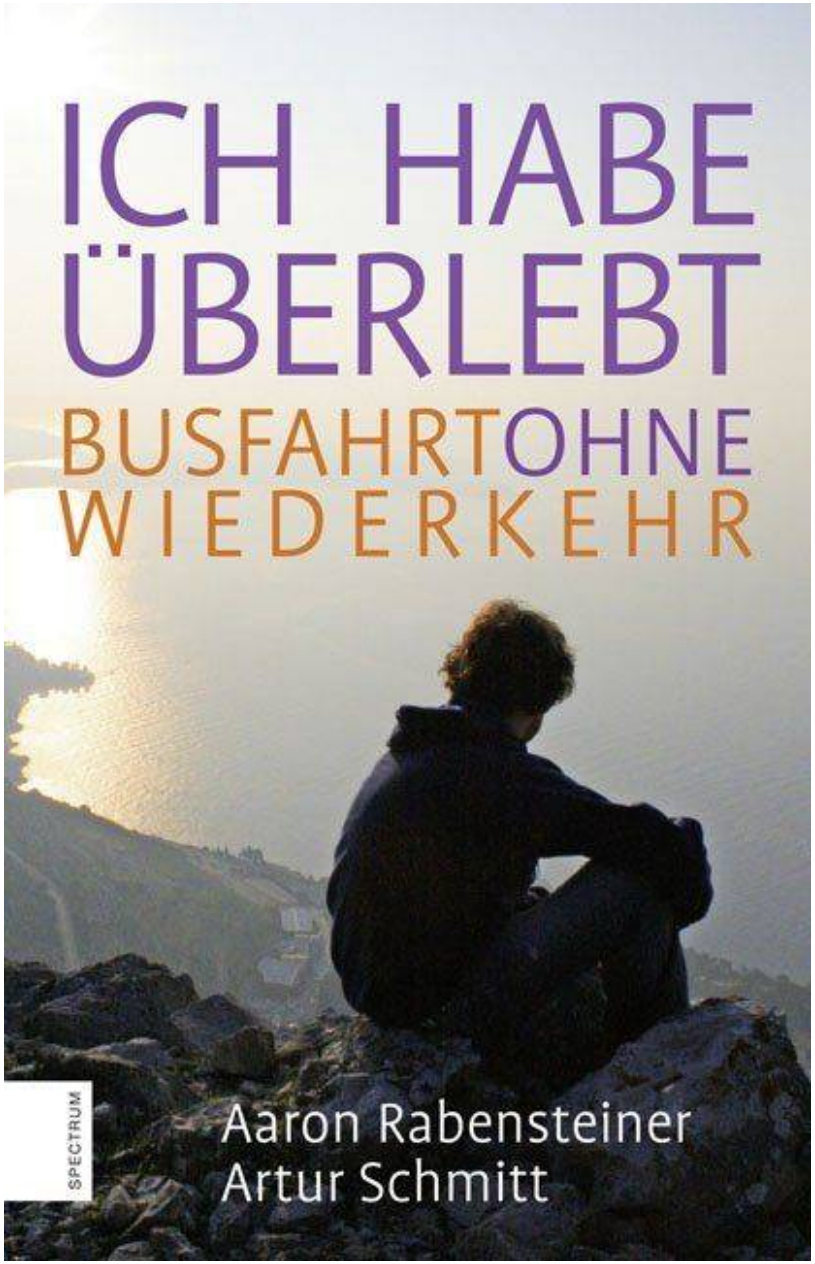


Author: Sigrid Mahlknecht Ebner
Publication Date: May 2015
Pages: 224, **2 Editions!**

This is the story of Anna, born in 1912, a South Tyrolean farm girl from a large family from the Sciliar area. The highly gifted Anna stands out as an inquisitive girl. But nobody believes in the future of the 'smart mind'. Only the village preacher gives her books that she greedily devours ...

Sigrid Mahlknecht Ebner lives in Girlan, studied business administration in Innsbruck, works in the South Tyrolean state administration.

I Have Survived – A Bustrip Without Return



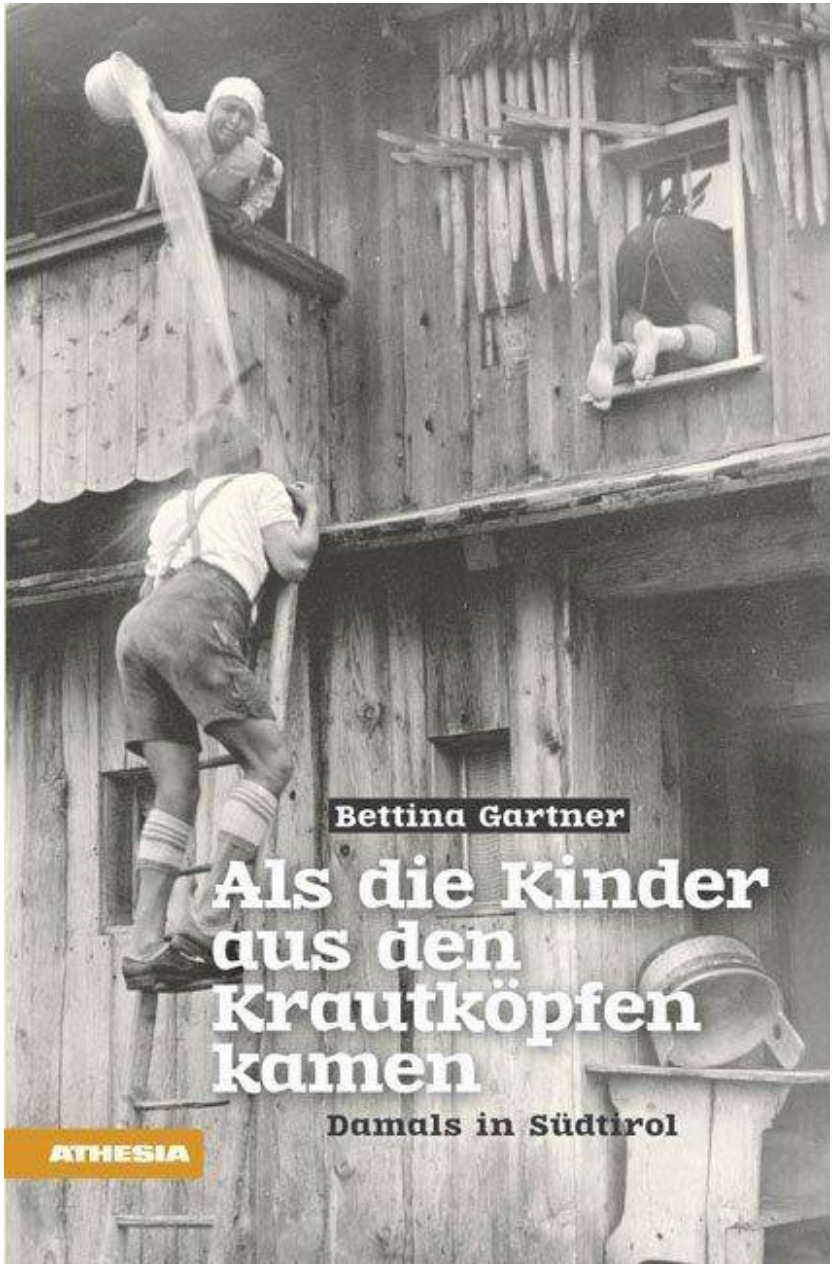
Authors: A. Rabensteiner & A. Schmitt
Publication Date: December, 2013
Pages: 184

February 10, 2009. Bus trip in the Peruvian Andes. A day like no other in Aaron's life. On this day Aaron Rabensteiner, a young South Tyrolean from Villanders, loses his three friends Barbara, Esther and Helmut in a terrible bus accident. He survived. Aaron faces life ... He goes his way.

Born in 1986, Aaron Rabensteiner lives in Villanders and studies geography at the University of Innsbruck. Aaron spent several months in South America to deepen some of the content of the course and to broaden his personal experience. To finance his studies and travel, he worked as a lifeguard, construction and factory worker or animator.

Born in Remagen in 1970, Artur Schmitt has lived in the Augustinian Monastery of Neustift since 1991. In 2002/2003 he worked as a priest in Brazil for two years, most of the time in Sao Paolo. From 2003 to 2007 he was a pastor in Villanders. Today he is a pastor in Naz and also an employee of the Neustift Monastery.

When the kids came out of the cabbage



Author: Bettina Gartner
Publication Date: December, 2013
Pages: 136

Little Hannah wants to know how sex works. Therefore, she watches the bull from the Huber farmer loving the cows. But she's not really smart about it. Because children come out of the cabbage, she heard. The sex thing is one of ten stories little Hannah tells in this book.

It takes us to South Tyrol from back then, when the world only reached the mountains. This is a true journey into the past, in which the church was omnipotent and a woman from the monastery explained how children were born.

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