

Welcome



Amalthea

Dear Colleagues,

spring rushed through with unbelievable speed. I had the pleasure to renew contacts with agents and publishing houses, meet new colleagues and am looking forward to continue this inspiring work with all of you in the second half of the year.

This fall from Amalthea comes a marvellous novel by Edith Schreiber-Wicke which explores one of the darkest chapters of Venice's history: the deportation of its Jewish citizens which is a little-known and seldomly spoken-of truth until today. »The Shadow of Your Wings« follows the fate of a Jewish opera singer who attracts the eye of the wrong man – driving her closer into the shadow of the National Socialist regime...

Walter Rauscher puts the spot-light on the fabulous Roaring Twenties in his non-fiction title »Charleston, Jazz & Trillions«, whereas Gerhard Jelinek's books about famous family dynasties and strong women of the past make fast-paced, entertaining reads for your international audience.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you and meeting you anytime, personally or digitally.

Kind regards from Vienna
Madeleine Pichler



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Dark Times in Venice

Edith Schreiber-Wicke
The Shadow of Your Wings. A Novel

September 2022; € 26,- [D]

288 pages
Hardcover with dust jacket, 12.5 x 20.5 cm
978-3-99050-226-6

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Edith Schreiber-Wicke studied
dramatics and art history in Vienna.
Her short stories, poetry, film scripts,
and books for children and young
adults have won numerous awards.
She lives in Vienna and Venice.

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- ▶ **Award-winning author**
- ▶ **The little-known story of the Nazi deportation of the Jews of the Venice ghetto**

1943: Lilly Salomon lives incognito in the heart of La Sere-
nissima. Her life as a star of the Vienna Opera is behind her.
When she re-encounters the painter Mario de Silva, love
banishes the looming shadows of National Socialism...until
she attracts the attention of an influential man.

Many years later, an investigative journalist searches for
clues to Lilly's fate; his quest plunges him into one of the
darkest chapters of Venice's history: the deportation of
its Jewish citizens. But the Venetians, in particular one
powerful noble family, would prefer that the story remains
buried...

A Viennese-European History



Günter Fuhrmann
The Palais Coburg in Vienna –
Thrones, Triumphs, Tragedies
2018; € 28,- [D]

272 pages, with numerous illustrations
Hardcover with dust jacket, 17.0 x 24.0 cm
978-3-99050-121-4

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Günter Fuhrmann studied law and
cultural management. In 1994, he
trained as a tour guide and subse-
quently enlightened visitors about
Austria's art and history before
moving into cultural and museum
management in 2001. Since 2014,
he has been working freelance in
this field and writing books, among
other things.

- ▶ **Austria's Coburgs and their rise to international power**
- ▶ **Told for the first time ever**

Everyone has heard of the noble family of Saxe-Coburg and
Gotha, but what about their Austrian branch? Established
in 1816 by the marriage of Prince Ferdinand Georg of Saxe-
Coburg and Maria Antonia Koháry, the family rose to great
influence. In the mid-19th century, the magnificent family
palais in Vienna becomes their ancestral home that over the
course of time witnesses social triumphs and human trage-
dies alike. For the first time ever, Günter Fuhrmann tells the
story of the Viennese Coburgs and their rise to power – the
extraordinary portrait of a great family.

Our Past and Our Future

Gerhard Jelinek
A Question of Origin. Families that made history
 November 2022; € 28,- [D]

256 pages, with numerous illustrations
 Hardcover, 14,4 x 21.0 cm
 978-3-99050-230-3

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Gerhard Jelinek, an experienced journalist, was employed by the Austrian Broadcasting Network ORF from 1989–2019, during which he created numerous political and historical documentaries. He is a successful writer on history and politics.

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► **Family portraits: Brueghel, Kennedy, Porsche et al.**

► **Glimpses into international dynasties**

Porsche, Wittgenstein and Trapp are only three families that have been successful for generations. The families Fugger, and Miseroni also rose from simple origins to become (respectively) royal financiers and renowned jewelers and stonemasons. The Brueghels became the artistic chroniclers of their age, and the Köcherts created the famous “Sisi Stars”.

Star author Gerhard Jelinek shares stories of genius, legacy, luck and talent, of international dynasties and the glamorous legends that surround each of these families to this day.

Strong Women



Gerhard Jelinek
Braver, Smarter, Madder. Women who made history

2020; € 25,- [D]

288 pages, with numerous illustrations
 Hardcover, 14,3 x 21.5 cm
 978-3-99050-183-2

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► **Portraits of international power women ...**

► **... and the roles men played in their stories**

They were extraordinary. They changed the world. In spite of disadvantages and rigid societal conventions, some women managed to achieve success in a wide range of fields – but they often paid a high price. Mary Magdalene was branded a sinner; the women’s rights activist Olympe de Gouges fell victim to the French Revolution. But the female pirate Ching Shih conquered the South China Sea, and an English noblewoman became the secret queen of Damascus...

Read all about inspiring women down through the ages – and the men who hindered and helped them, who hated and loved them.



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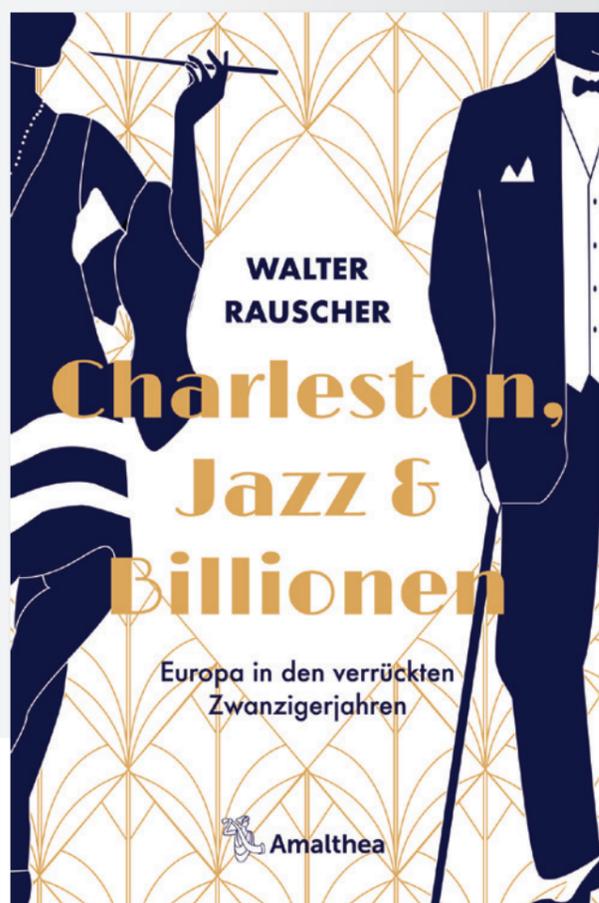
From Glamour to Market Crash

Walter Rauscher
Charleston, Jazz & Trillions. Europe in the Roaring Twenties

2020; € 25,- [D]

256 pages, with numerous illustrations
 Hardcover, 14.3 x 21.5 cm
 978-3-99050-146-7

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Walter Rauscher is a historian specializing in modern European history, particularly the period between the two world wars. He has been active at a range of academic institutions and published works in multiple languages, including biographies of Renner, Hindenburg, Hitler and Mussolini and histories of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and Central Europe.

- ▶ **The legend of the Roaring Twenties: a fascinating period in European history**
- ▶ **With interesting parallels to the present**

The Roaring Twenties: fabulous parties and breathless record-breaking, glitter and glamour to excess. In this era of extremes, the sinfully opulent existed alongside hyperinflation and political chaos. While composers like Maurice Ravel were revolutionizing classical music, totalitarian regimes were seizing power in Italy and Russia. The world celebrated the advance of the automobile and women's emancipation as nations struggled to re-establish political order after the First World War.

From Paris to Moscow, Walter Rauscher provides a striking overview of a fascinating decade.

Traveling Through Ukraine

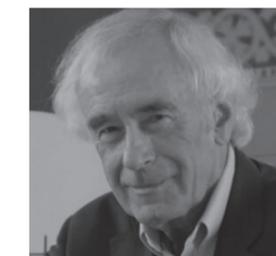


Dietmar Grieser
Beloved Ukraine. A literary pilgrimage from Donetsk to Anatevka

August 2022; € 22,- [D]

160 pages, with numerous illustrations
 Hardcover with dust jacket, 11.5 x 18.7 cm
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- ▶ **Absorbing travelogue from an extraordinary country**
- ▶ **Famous Ukrainians, and what became of them**

Dietmar Grieser embarked on a journey of discovery in Ukraine when it was still part of the Soviet Union, unearthing the cult of labor hero Alexey Stakhanov in a coal mine near Donetsk and tracing the real-life protagonists of "Fiddler on the Roof" near Kyiv. The author also tells the stories of famous Ukrainians who sought their fortune elsewhere, like star tenor Joseph Schmidt and Leopold von Sacher-Masoch, the "father of masochism".

Grieser's travel reports and portraits are a very personal tribute to a fascinating country...that is currently experiencing danger and hardships.

Dietmar Grieser has lived in Vienna since 1957 and has been a successful author since 1973. His bestsellers have been translated multiple times, and several have been adapted for television. He has won a number of awards for his work, including the Eichendorff Prize, the Czech Republic's "Artis Bohemiae Amicis" Award and the Sudeten German Cultural Award for literature.

„It's not all bad news.“

Chag sameach! Happy Holidays!

Daniela Angetter-Pfeiffer
Thanks, Pandemic! How contagions have shaped Austria

2021; € 26,- [D]

256 pages, with numerous illustrations
Hardcover, 13.5 x 21.5 cm
978-3-99050-212-9

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Daniela Angetter-Pfeiffer studied history and German; she is employed at the Austrian Centre for Digital Humanities and Cultural Heritage, a branch of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, and as an emergency medical technician. Her studies are devoted to the history of medicine, the military, and the sciences, as well as emergency and disaster medicine.

- **Hot topic: The positive effects of pandemics**
- **Austrian Science Book of the Year 2022**

Did you know that the excellent quality of Vienna's drinking water, as well as its sewer system and its social housing projects, were products of pandemics? Epidemics have shaped our society for centuries, and not all of their effects are negative. Nor are masks, quarantines, or social distancing inventions of the 21st century – they've been around since the Middle Ages.

Medical historian Daniela Angetter-Pfeiffer presents a wealth of historical accomplishments that might not have come about without the Black Plague, cholera, and similar diseases – with surprising parallels to the present.



Danielle Spera
L'Chaim! With Danielle Spera through the Jewish year

April 2022; € 29,- [D]

224 pages, with numerous color illustrations
Hardcover, 17.0 x 24.0 cm
978-3-99050-222-8

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- **Jewish holidays, customs and traditions**
- **A richly illustrated "handbook" for Jewish holy days**

"They tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat!" This is the unspoken motto of many Jewish holidays. Most commemorate drastic events in Jewish history – and yet, the celebrations are full of joy and pleasure: besides strict fasts and prayers, there are high-spirited family feasts, dances and disguises, gifts and sweets.

Why is the Jewish new year celebrated in autumn? Danielle Spera explains this tradition and many more in an illustrated, highly personal journey through the Jewish year, full of special holiday memories of her family and her favorite recipes. L'chaim – to life!



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Danielle Spera was born in Vienna and spent many years with the Austrian Broadcasting Network (ORF) as a journalist, anchor and editorial advisor. She served as the president of ICOM Austria from 2013–2019 and has been vice-president since 2020; she was also director of the Jewish Museum in Vienna from 2010–2022. She has authored numerous books and articles.



Spera, 100 x Austria: Judaism
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A Successful Weight Loss

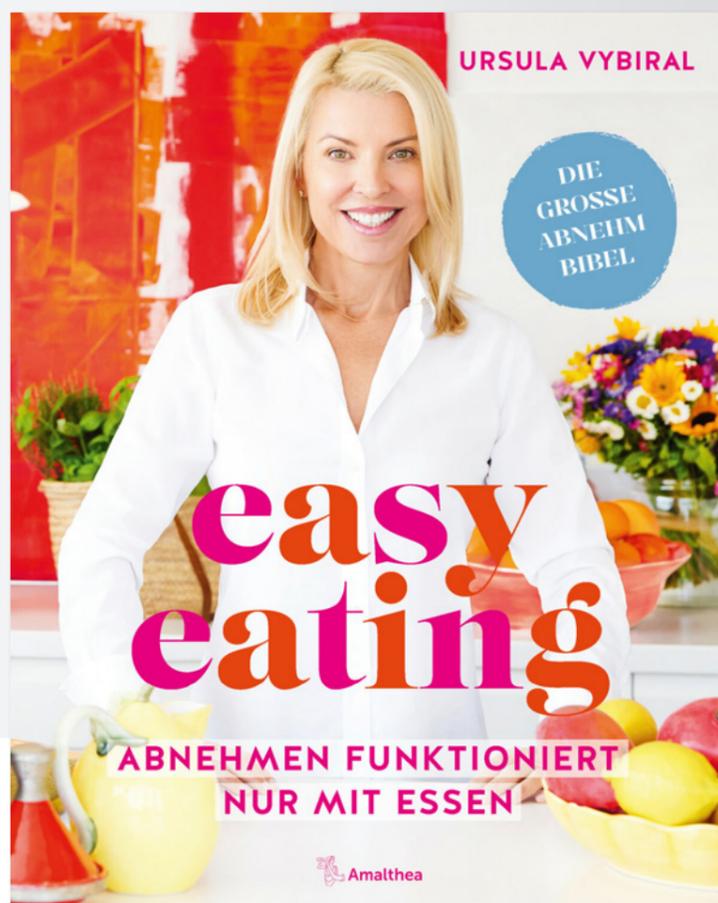
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Ursula Vybiral
easy eating. Losing Weight Only
Works When You Eat

April 2022; € 29,- [D]

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Ursula Vybiral, born in Vienna, is a successful nutritionist, weight loss and fasting expert, motivational coach and founder of the easy eating method, a dietary change aimed at losing weight quickly. Her clever weight loss concept also comes with all the necessary tools to maintain your new feel-good weight.

easyeating.at

Bestseller —
15,000 copies
sold

- **By a weight loss expert**
- **A sustainable dietary change aimed at losing weight**

Getting thin is good, staying thin is better – and all of that while eating! What a promising idea. In this book, Ursula Vybiral, founder of the “easy eating method”, shows how easy it can be to lose weight while you’re eating. How you can easily reach your feel-good weight and maintain your new-found lightness. Like the name says: easy. The idea is to eat more consciously instead of eating less – indulgence rather than big sacrifices. Because losing weight only works when you eat. Ideally with food that actually tastes good. And soon enough, your favourite jeans will fit again like a glove.

Amalthea — Overview

Here is a selection of our most successful titles of the past years.



Bilgeri, Love in the
Silent Country
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Becker, It's Almost Half
Past Eleven
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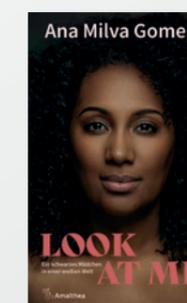
Schulak, Mr. Maria's
Wonderful Journey
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Brée, You Will Kill Me
978-3-99050-206-8
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Beczala, Out into the World
978-3-99050-185-6
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Gomes, Look at Me
978-3-99050-215-0
all rights available



Popper, I'm Just Simulating
978-3-99050-218-1
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Weinzettl, The "World
Beautiflier"
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