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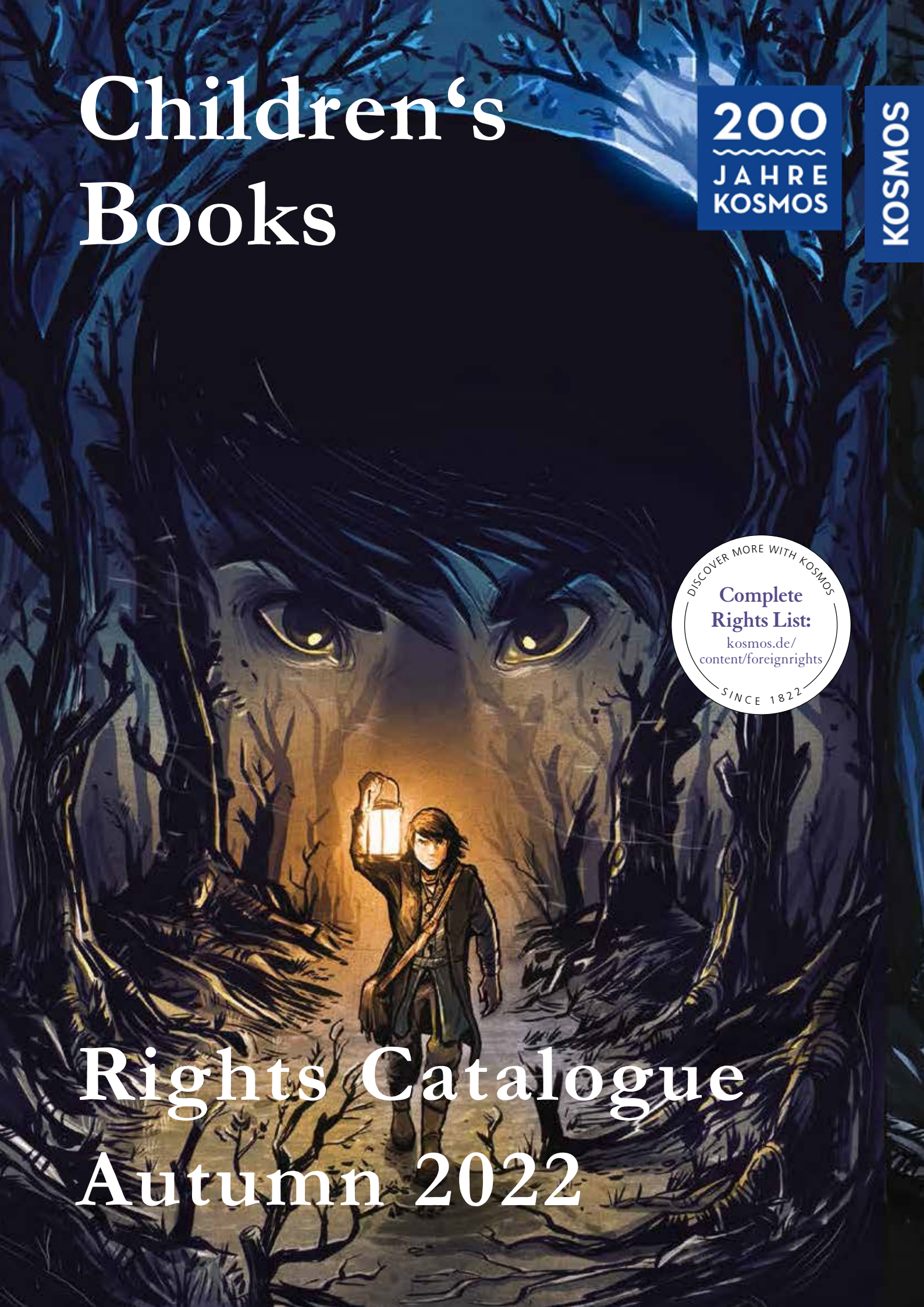

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Welcome

Dear Partners Around the Globe,

Here is our Kosmos fall program for Kids, ranging from nature and science titles to exciting fiction titles.

There a number of special titles we want to draw your attention to: first of all our bestselling author and dog expert **Martin Rütter** has cooperated with illustrator Johannes Weber to create a wonderfully funny **Wimmelbuch** (Look and Seek) specifically on the life and world of dogs and their owners (Page 5).

Apart from being one of Germany's oldest Nature publishers, Kosmos is even more so a very successful publisher of **Board games**, we have created a number of book titles based on these games.

So we have a new segment "Books on Games" where we take ideas and make them into interactive stories (**The Crew** and **Adventure Books**, page 17), or we let very gifted illustrators create new graphic novels based on the game idea (**Andor**, page 16) and last but not least, we are incredibly proud to be presenting the first historical novel based on the world brand **CATAN**, a novel written by CATAN creator Klaus Teuber himself (page 18).

Please let us know if you want to see pdfs or real copies of our titles.

You will find us in Frankfurt celebrating our 200th anniversary and we look forward to seeing you.

Kirstin Kreppel, Julia Courmont & Franziska Lautenschlager

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Look into Nature

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Lisa Apfelbacher/Regina Schwarz
Look at the Dinosaurs

June 2022; € 14,– [D]

24 pages, 11 colour illustrations
board book, 20.0 x 20.0 cm
978-3-440-17473-9

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- **Trending topic "dinosaurs" in a board book**
- **One of eight titles**

Already for the youngest, dinosaurs are the stars of the animal world. Two-year-olds explore dinosaurs and their living spaces playfully with this title. Some dinosaurs fly through the air, others are enormous or are protected by shield and horn. There are big predators, little speedsters, and caring mommy dinosaurs. An activity book with captivating illustrations and charming rhymes.

Lisa Apfelbacher/
Regina Schwarz
Take a look at Animals Houses
978-3-440-17472-2
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Lisa Apfelbacher/
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Take a Look Under the Earth
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Take as Look into the Night
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Take a Look into the Sea
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Dog Expert Rütter's Wimmelbuch

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PICTURE BOOKS

Martin Rütters
Dog Hidden Picture Book

September 2022; € 15,– [D]

20 pages, 5 colour charts,
board book, 331.6 x 23.9 cm
978-3-440-17494-4

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Bestselling author
Over
1 million
copies
sold

- **Funny hidden picture book with scenes in a big format**
- **A book by and for dog lovers**

Dogs are everywhere in the city – big, small, heavy, skinny – and all of them experience funny adventures with their human companions every day. Martin Rütter and his dog Emma are always there when something exciting happens for the dog gang. Who has stolen the mailman's bag, and why does the big dog sit in a boat? Searching and finding things in the funny and quirky scenes is fun and makes you feel like you are in the middle of the action. Martin Rütter's knowledge about dogs makes this hidden picture book something very special.

Illustrator Jannes Weber takes his doodle books everywhere he goes. He loves best the funny everyday scenes between his two dogs a poodle and a street dog from Mau ritius. Check out his Instagram on: my.poodledoodle

Martin Rütter is Germany's leading Dog expert. As a reknown animal psychologist and trainer, his books alone sold over 1 million copies. He features in his own popular TV shows. He has his own dog obedience school since 1995.

Preschool Highlights

preschool

Who has walked through the snow here? Are those little feet or big paws? Are the prints round or longish? In an exciting story for reading aloud. The youngest children learn about the tracks of our domestic wild animals. Tracks of mice, blackbird, squirrel, rabbit are depicted in life-size illustrations. That way, the next winter walk turns into an exciting journey of discovering nature

Discover more of our board book backlist here….

Svenja Ernsten
Which Animal Walked Here?
€ 15,– [D]
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Clap Your Hands in the City
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What Do You Eat?
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Does the Monkey Laugh at All?
978-3-440-16031-2
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Daniela Strauß
Who is the Tallest?
978-3-440-15122-8
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Manuela Ancutici/ Ulrike Sauerhöfer
I Spy with my Little Eye – Vehicles
978-3-440-15379-6
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Which Bird is that?
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What's Crawling there?
978-3-440-16842-4
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John Butler/Regina Schwarz
Who are you? Around the House
978-3-440-15901-9
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Non-Fiction Highlights

5 and up

NON-FICTION

Jonas Kozinowski
Football
€ 22,– [D]
978-3-440-17317-6
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A title for kids enthusiastic about football! In 11 chapters you can find extensive information about the rules of the game, equipment, clubs, Bundesliga, national teams, championships, women's football, and so much more. All of this is complemented by interesting records and an extra part on tactics and techniques – for anyone who wants to play as successfully as Messi and Lewandowski.

Check out our backlist of nature and science titles…

Andrea Köhrsen
Tomato Frog and Blue Dragon
978-3-440-17184-4
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Inga Marie Ramcke
Nasty Lodgers
978-3-440-16988-9
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Véro Mischitz
Nasty Critters
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Svenja Ernsten
My Birdbook
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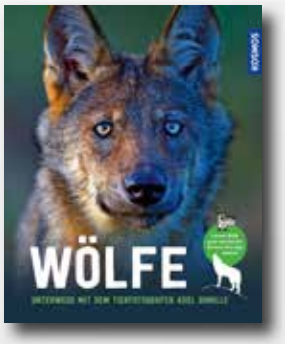

Axel Gomille
Wolves
978-3-440-16987-2
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Rainer Köthe
The KOSMOS Book of Technology
978-3-440-17312-0
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Astrid Schulte
My Carving Workshop
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Astrid Schulte
The Firebook
978-3-440-17163-9
All right available

Kids Nature Guides

NON-FICTION

7 and up

New

Susanne Dambeck/
Thorsten Dambeck
Which Star is That?
Children's Nature Guide

September 2022; € 12,– [D]

112 pages, 130 coloured photographs,
40 coloured illustrations
paperback, 19.3 x 13.2 cm
978-3-440-17430-2

Selected titles sold to:
CZ, HU, KO

Over 500,000 — copies sold

- **Nature guides for children aged 8 and older**
- **Discover nature playfully and interactively**

Discover the many topics in nature interactively: from star gazing to insects, flowers to mushrooms – the newly relaunched kids nature guide series offers easy information on nature around us. This title on star constellations describes the most important constellations in detail so you can find them quickly in the night sky. The flaps of the book cover present the planets and the zodiac at a glance. There is information about our solar system, the Milky Way, faraway galaxies, and space travel topics like SpaceX. This series will turn beginners into young experts.

Bärel Oftring/Tanja Böhning
Which Mushroom is that?
978-3-440-17429-6

Holger Haag
What's Flying there?
978-3-440-17244-5

Bärbel Oftring
What's Crawling there?
978-3-440-17242-1

Anita van Saan/Holger Haag/Bärbel Oftring
Animal and Plant Guide
978-3-440-17243-8

Over 15 titles — available

Living with Animals

preschool

NON-FICTION

Sarah Bude
The Horsebook for Kids

January 2022; € 15,– [D]

80 pages, 108 coloured photos,
2 coloured illustrations
flap brochures, 21.6 x 18.6 cm
978-3-440-17235-3

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- **The newest title in our kids' series**
- **Tips and tricks to keeping your pets**

This title illustrates what kids need to learn in handling horses. How to read them, what to look out for and also how to take care of a horse. Interactive ideas teach children how to behave when handling horses. The author knows what children enjoy doing and how to become friends with horses and ponies. This way children and horse become a great team.

Sarah Bude was introduced to horses at a young age and is an expert with horses ever since then.

Andrea Eschbach/
Markus Eschbach
Horse Language for Kids
978-3-440-17226-1
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Robert Höck
The Chicken Book for Kids
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The Dog Book for Kids
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Andrea Böttjer
The Cat Book for Kids
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Pumuckl

5 and up

Over 700,000 copies sold

Pumuckl: he is a true classic, this little invisible goblin. Always up to the next cheeky nonsense, Pumuckl lives with his old owner, carpenter Eder, who is the only one who can see him.Discover the many adventures of both Eder and Pumuckl. There are early readers, story books and picture books available.

Ellis Kaut/ Uli Leistenschneider
Pumuckl School Stories
€ 16,– [D]
978-3-440-17521-7
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Ellis Kaut/Uli Leistenschneider
Pumuckl Read-Aloud Book – Winter Stories
978-3-440-17030-4
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Pumuckl Read-Aloud Book – Sommer Stories
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Pumuckl Good-Night-Stories
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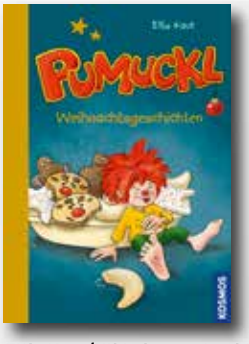

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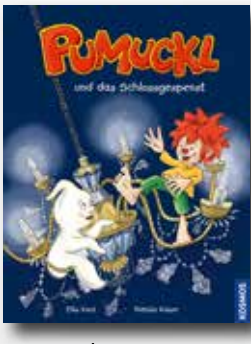

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Pumuckl and the Ghost in the Castle
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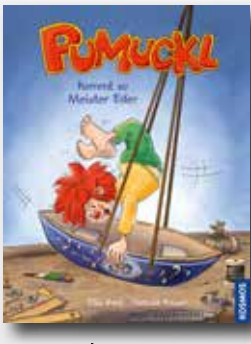

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Pumuckl Picture Book „Pumuckl arrives at Master Eder's"
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Pumuckl on a Farm
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Pumuckl Celebrates his Birthday
978-3-440-16771-7
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Book Heroes
— First Readers

6 and up

FICTION

André Marx/
Boris Pfeiffer
So much Fuss
€ 22,– [D]
978-3-440-15807-4
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The Book Heroes are our Early Readers concept. It features easy, yet exciting stories in 48 pages with many pictures and includes questions at the end of each chapter. Here is an overview of our adventurous, funny, or magical stories for first readers.

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The Wild Friends
Adventures Underneath the City
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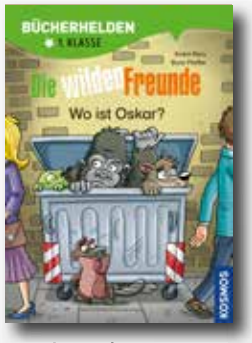

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The Wild Friends
Where is Oscar?
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Schlupp from the Green Star
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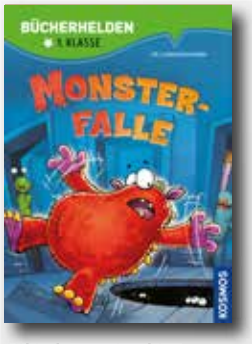

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A Pony at School
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TKKG – A Great Investigative Team

FICTION

8 and up

Benjamin Schreuder
TKKG Junior
Detectives on a Deep Dive (Vol. 16)

July 2022; € 10,– [D]

128 pages, 30 black-and-white illustrations
laminated paperback, 19.5 x 13.2 cm
978-3-440-17423-4

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270,000
copies
sold

Already as a child, Benjamin Schreuder dreamt to catch crooks and criminals together with TKKG. Now, he is allowed to professionally enter the world of his heroes and come up with new stories for them.

- **Easy, but action-packed adventure series with illustrations for readers aged 8 +**
- **over 16 volumes + special editions available**

TKKG – that's the investigative team of friends Tim, Karl, Klößchen (Dumpling) and Gaby. The four friends courageously solve every case and are up for any thrilling adventure. Their dog Oskar is always at their side, of course. In this new adventure they go on a diving trip to the North Sea when strange things start happening. A new and exciting case for TKKG…

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Four Paws in Danger
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Never Push the Red Button

8 and up

FICTION

Kati Naumann
Never Push the Red Button 4, or the Rocket Launches

June 2022; € 13,– [D]

160 pages, 60 black-and-white illustrations, laminated paperback, 21.0 x 14.5 cm
978-3-440-17422-7

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English sample translation available

- **Volume 4 of the funny diary novels**
- **Stunning experiments to find out more about the topic "space"**

Vol. 4 in this science based journal story: Egon and Jojo are convinced: the school trip will be monstrously boring! But then the class suddenly stands in front of a field with huge crop circles. Egon and Jojo investigate. Who may have made those crop circles? A UFO? Egon already has a plan: an asteroid-and-alien-defence-rocket … The two friends immediately get to work and soon stumble from one catastrophe to the next again. Funny chaos is guaranteed!

Kati Naumann wrote song lyrics and screen plays, published several novels and developed successful children's radio play series.

Josephine Schwan-Jones started her freelance career as a graphic artist and illustrator in 2015. She designs books and magazines for children and adolescents in her office in Wörth am Rhein.

Kati Naumann
Never Push the Red Button 3 or the Dinosaurs Go Crazy
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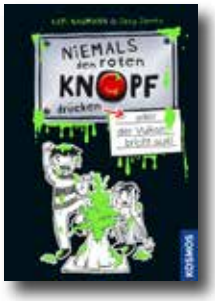

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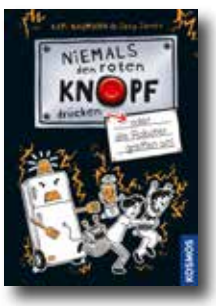

Kati Naumann
Never Push the Red Button 2 or the Robots Attack
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Kids Fiction
— Highlights

9 and up

Fiction

Franz Zwerschina/Lina Knut
Pupil. Gamer. Saviour of the World.

June 2022; € 13,– [D]

176 pages, 15 colour illustrations,
80 black-and-white-illustrations
paperback, 21.5 x 15.2 cm
978-3-440-17549-1
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- **Innovative: the first novel about the gaming trend "Let's Play"**
- **Authentic setting, cool illustrations – attractive even for reluctant readers**

The 14 year old Lina is entirely in her element when she is gaming at her PC. Her Let's Play videos about the game "Aarona" are awaited by her loyal online community. When Lina is the first girl chosen to play the Add-On, she wants to present her fans with the best Let's Play of all times. But Lina's virtual career leaves her no time for her best friend Mia. Lina has to realize that true friendship is not a game… A comic novel, developed together with Let's Players and Gamers.

Sibylle Wenze
Lilly and the Twelves
Elves forbidden
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Horse Boarding School Blossom Hill – The Dream of Victory
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Pepper Mint and the Crazy Fantastic Explorer Book
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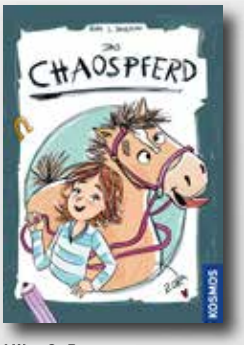

Nika S. Daveron
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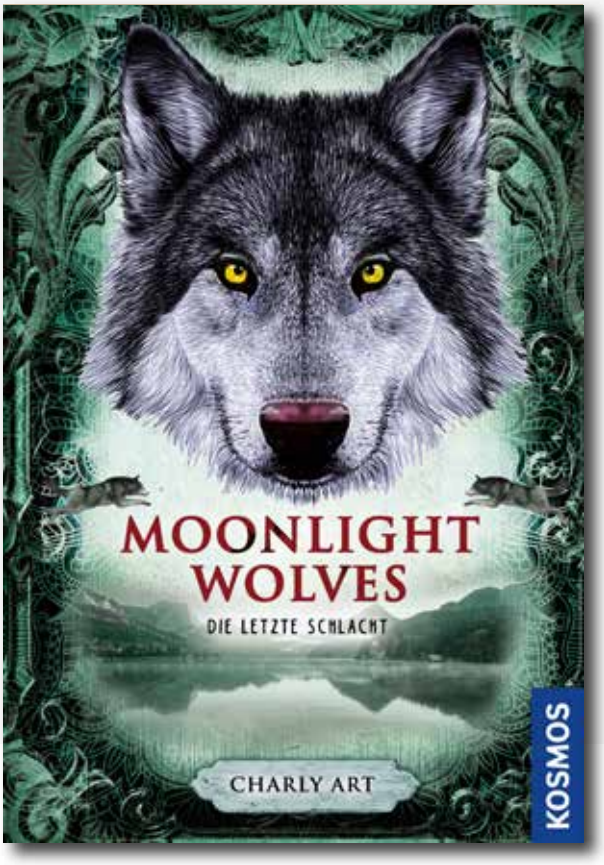
Moonlight Wolves Trilogy



12 and up

Fiction

Charly Art
Moonlight Wolves
The Last Battle (Vol. 3)

September 2022; € 16,– [D]

320 pages
laminated paperback
21.0 x 14.5 cm
978-3-440-17480-7

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Over
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- **Volume 3 of the captivating wolves saga**
- **Exciting animal fantasy by young author**

Vol 3 of the exciting trilogy about a pack of wolves coming-of-age: A deceptive peace lulls the wolves at the fjord into a sense of security. In secret, the Pack of Darkness gathers its forces to attack again. Leader Tamani faces a challenge because the free packs have forgotten how to band together. Tamani knows that only he can save his love Shira and her cubs.He goes on a last, dangerous mission to unite the free wolves.

Charly Art was born in 2003 in Upper Bavaria. He lives near Würzburg. In his spare time, in addition to writing and reading, he loves to go out into the forest with friends and his dogs. At the age of 12 he started his first young adult novel "Moonlight Wolves – The Secret of the Shadow Wolves".

Charly Art
Moonlight Wolves – The Secret of the Shadow Wolves (Vol. 1)
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Charly Art
Moonlight Wolves – The Wolf Pack of Darkness (Vol. 2)
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Welcome to Andor

16 and up

Jens Baumeister
Legends of Andor: Varkur's Awakening

October 2022; € 19,– [D]

128 pages
paperback, 24.0 x 17.0 cm
978-3-440-17495-1

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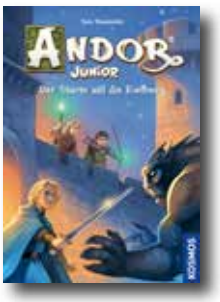
Bestselling international Games Brand

- **The award-winning fantasy adventure as a Graphic Novel**
- **The story of the evil magician Varkur**

At the northern shore of Andor, a boat runs ashore – in it a man with no memories. Only his name has remained: Varkur. The young fisherwoman Ranja finds him and nurses him back to health. But in the village the fear of the peculiar stranger grows. Accompanied by Ranja, Varkur flees to finally find answers. His journey turns into an inner battle between good and evil, between love and power. The well-known comic illustrator Timo Grubing has ingeniously illustrated Varkur's previously untold story: See Andor's evil magician and his story of how he became what he is in a new light.

Jens Baumeister has worked as a screenwriter for TV series and lives as an author in Berlin. He likes writing kids' books best.

*Timo Grubing (*1981) lives in Bochum, Germany and is working as freelance illustrator of youth books, games and comics among many others.*



Jens Baumeister
Andor Junior – Storming the Rietcastle
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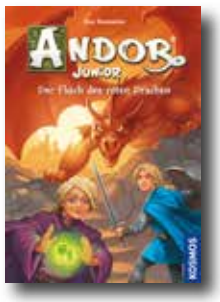

Jens Baumeister
Andor Junior – The Curse of the Red Dragon
978-3-440-17142-4
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Entering New Territory

Daniel Bleckmann
Adventure Books: The Academy of the Time

9/22; € 16,- [D]

208 pages, 27 colour illustrations
paperback, 21.5 x 15.2 cm
978-3-440-17224-7

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- **The first book based on the successful Game**
- **Choose Your Own Adventure**

One book, 5 rooms, over 100 possible choices: Drake is close to graduating as a Time Guardian from the Raven Academy. Suddenly, an explosion happens and propels him through time, all the way from the 16th to the 21st century. Drake has to find out what happened, while he has to fight dangers that followed him from the past… An interactive reading experience: make choices, solve riddles, combine objects, and decide how to continue.

Andreas Ulich
The Crew: The Return to Planet 9

9/22; € 20,- [D]

320 pages
paperback, 19 x 25.3 cm
978-3-440-17523-1

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- **The award-winning game "The Crew" – now as a book**
- **Cooperative science fiction adventure for 2 players**

A space adventure narrated in two books, each from a different perspective: two readers can complete the mission together. The spaceship Galathea sets out to answer remaining questions of a former mission. An exciting journey is in store for the team: a distress call from the Mars colony, risky field missions, rivalry among the astronauts. The success of the mission is in the hands of the players as they take the roles of the two commanders…

The Settlers of Catan

Klaus Teuber
CATAN, the Novel

October 2022; € 26,– [D]

560 pages
Hardcover, 15.2 x 21.5 cm
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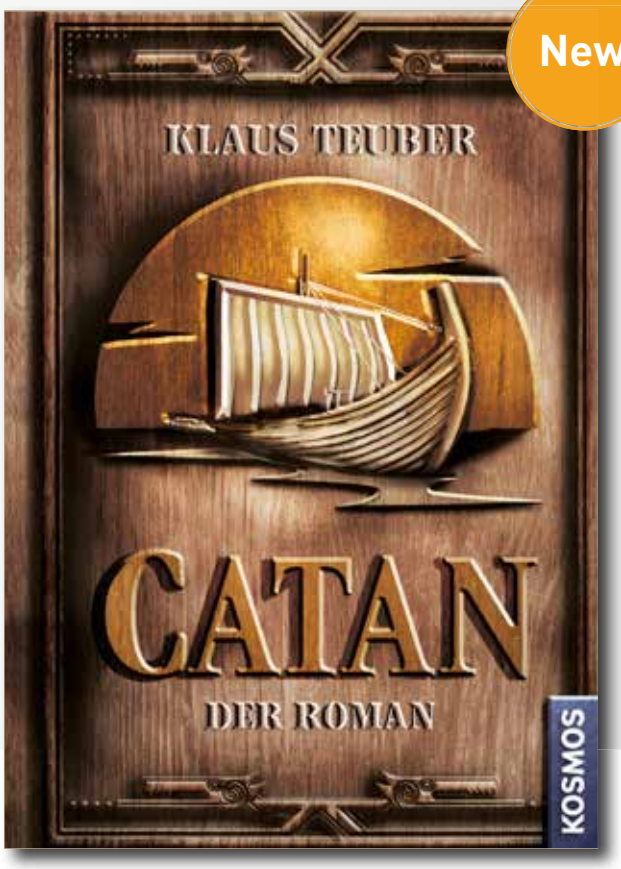

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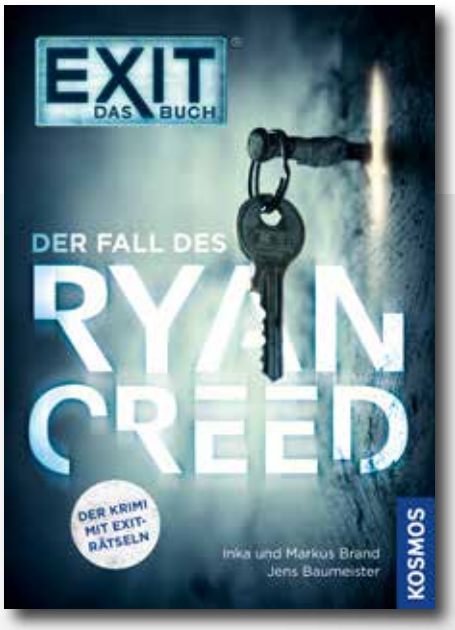
- **Original CATAN novel with English Manuscript**
- **Departure for Catan: the Land of the Sun**

Norway in the year 860. Half brothers Thorolf, Yngvi and Digur help the daughter of Halldor, a Viking chieftain, escape his rule. Halldor's revenge is mighty. Pillaging he moves through the realms of the liberators and has them banned. The brothers have no choice: together with other potential settlers they depart to new shores and reach after an adventurous voyage: Catan – Land of the Sun. But new challenges await the brothers on this island. Will they stand together to offer a better future to the settlers, or will this mission divide them even more

Klaus Teuber, born in 1952, is one of the world's most successful game creators. Four of his games have won the prestigious award „Game of the Year" (Spiel des Jahres, German) among them „CATAN": his biggest success. He lives with his family close to Darmstadt, Germany.

Over 40 million — units sold

EXIT Series



Inka Brand/Markus Brand/
Jens Baumeister
The Ryan Creed Case

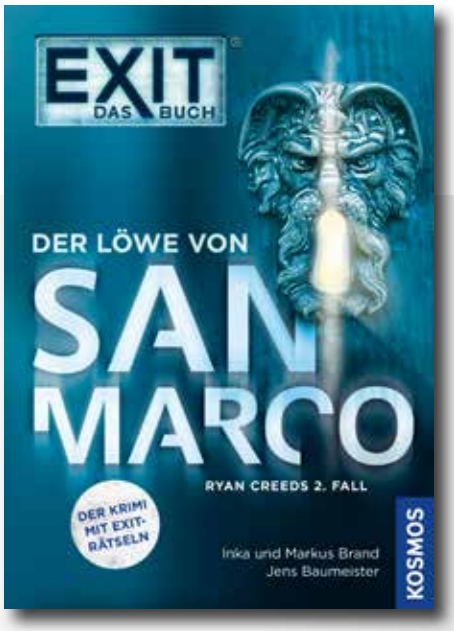
10/21; € 16,- [D]

192 pages, 20 colour illustrations
paperback, 21.6 x 15.5 cm
978-3-440-17221-6

All rights available

- **An escape adventure packed with riddles**
- **For people of all ages**

A letter, a thrilling hunt for a lost coin, and many exciting riddles are waiting for us in Ryan Creed's first case. Ryan Creed, a lecturer at the American College for Cryptography, loves solving puzzles. A mysterious letter from an unknown client throws him right into an adventure full of riddles and dangers. He has to find a rare coin.



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EXIT – The Book: The Lion of San Marco

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- **Cryptologist Ryan Creed solves another mystery**

A new case for Ryan Creed, the cryptologist and passionate codebreaker. His task: solve the centuries-old mystery surrounding missing crown jewels and save a person's life. The trace leads Ryan and Sarah to Venice, but instead of the solution there is a dramatic, life-and-death scavenger hunt waiting for them… An outstandingly exciting story, combined with unique riddles.

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#1 Escape Game Brand in Germany

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What:

- → Wide range of escape games and escape crimes in novel format.
- → Different levels of difficulty, highly interactive.
- → Need to be solved by cutting, folding, puzzling.
- → Can be played and read only once.

EXIT® DAS SPIEL

- → Sold over 8.4 Mio games in 2020
- Winner Games Awards
- #1 of German ESCAPE games & titles

EXIT® DAS BUCH

- → Sold over 1/4 Mio books
- → Different Levels of difficulty:

LEVEL Kids
LEVEL Beginners
LEVEL Advanced
LEVEL Professional

EXIT Series
— Overview

all ages

Over 400,000 — copies sold

Exit – The Book
The Woman in the Fog
€ 16,– [D]
978-3-440-17165-3
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The Exit Series offers titles for kids, youth and adult readers with different levels of difficulty. The concept remains the same: the reader has to solve many puzzles and riddles, using paper, scissors, and even to book to decipher where to continue the story inside the book.

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Die drei ???

- → Target age 10+
- → Over 19 million German copies sold
- → Over 200 volumes + 30 special editions, including graphic novels and comics
- → Each story volume: 192 pages, no illustrations

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Meet The Three ??? – an investigative team of 3 boys: Justus, Peter, and Bob.

Set in Rocky Beach, Southern Califonia, they solve mysterious and exciting cases. Often with the help of the local police they find a solution, when no one else can. Author Robert Arthur created the series in the US in the 1960's under the editorship of Alfred Hitchcock.
While the series came to an end in the US after only 50 volumes we in Germany decided to continue with the brand and thus started one of the biggest success stories German children's literature...
To this day we publish 6 volumes each year, as well as special editions, and calendars. Together with the ever-present audio dramas by Sony it has become a #1 top of mind brand.

Die drei ??? Kids

- → Target age 8+
- → 7.7 million sold copies
- → Over 85 volumes + 83 special editions, including comics
- → Each story volume: 128 pages, black and white illustrations

The Three ??? Kids

In 1999 Kosmos developed a new brand – a spin off for a younger target audience: The Three ??? Kids. We meet the same investigative team of Justus, Peter and Bob, but in these stories they are 8 to 12 years old. Already they have started to solve their first cases. These are not as exciting, but just as mysterious.

The Three ???

— Overview

12 and up

Over
19 Million
— copies
sold

The Three ???
and the Crystal Skull
€ 11,– [D]
978-3-440-16687-1
Rights sold:
BU, ES, FR, GR, SK

Here is an overview of the most recent titles in this 222+ Volumes series. There are novels, interactive titles, graphic novels and such – all based on the trio of young investigators: Peter, Bob and Justus. They solve just about any case…

Kari Erlhoff
The Three ??? – Inside the Net of Lies
978-3-440-16686-4
Rights sold: SK

Robert Arthur
The Three ??? and the Curse of the Ruby
978-3-440-17173-8
Rights sold: SK

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The Three ??? and the Ghost Castle
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Rights sold: SK, ES

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The Golden Salamander
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Nina Schiefelbein
The Three ???
Brainteaser with Justus Jonas
978-3-440-17330-5
Rights sold: SK

The Three ??? – New Titles

10 and up

Cally Stronk/Christian Friedrich
The Three ??? and the Phantom Crocodile, Mission 3

7/22; € 15,- [D]

160 pages, 15 colour illustrations
paperback, 21.5 x 15.2 cm
978-3-440-17451-7

All rights available

- **Escape crime novel with a case for the Three ???**
- **An interactive mystery to solve**

Wild animals are spotted at Rocky Beach which are not native to California. When a real crocodile shows up at the pier, the three detectives start investigating together with the survival and wildlife expert Damian King. Is all of this about illegal animal trade? During their investigations, the Three ??? repeatedly come across difficult riddles. They need help to crack the codes and to solve this beastly complicated case.

Stronk/Friedrich
The Three ??? – Mission – The Crazy Professor
978-3-440-16288-0

Stronk/Friedrich
The Three ??? and the Hell Train
978-3-440-16720-5

Kari Erlhoff
The Three ??? and the Lawless (Vol 221)

7/22; € 11,- [D]

160 pages
laminated paperback, 21.0 x 14.5 cm
978-3-440-17443-2

Rights sold to ????

- **The Three ??? track ruthless bounty hunters**

Peter Shaw is suddenly involved in a precarious case: accidentally, he hears his math teacher Ms Blunt make a suspect phone call. As the diligent detective he is, he follows the teacher and finds out that the inconspicuous woman keeps a dark secret. The Three ??? go on a road trip through the Californian prairie!

Marco Sonnleitner
The Three ??? and the Bone Man
978-3-440-17487-6

Ben Nevis
The Three ??? – The Yacht of Betrayal
978-3-440-17442-5

The Three ??? – Graphic Novels

New

10 and up

THE THREE ???

Christopher Tauber
The Three ??? and the Whispering Mummy

September 2022; € 18,– [D]

128 pages, 200 colour illustrations
paperback, 24.0 x 17.0 cm
978-3-440-17248-3

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- **The second case of the classic era as a graphic novel**
- **Fantastically drawn in cool retro style**

Professor Yarborough cannot believe his ears: the mummy he dug up is whispering in an ancient Egyptian dialect. The mummy is said to be cursed costing the lives of many expedition participants. Can Justus, Peter, and Bob lift its secret? „The Three ??? and the Whispering Mummy" is one of the all-time favourites of the cult series.

Christopher Tauber is a comic artist and lives in Frankfurt am Main. He designs magazines, comics, and art projects.

Ines Korth illustrates the thrilling story as a comic book with strong atmospheric images – entirely in the retro style of the 1960s. She works as an illustrator and graphic designer and has published a number of other fantasy comics as well as the web comic "endangered".

Christopher Tauber
The Three ??? and the Ghost Castle
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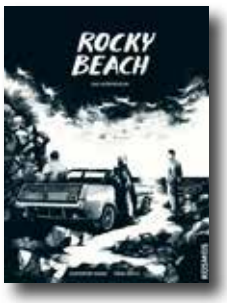

Christopher Tauber
Rocky Beach
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Christopher Tauber/ Calle Claus
The Three ??? – The Ritual of the Snakes
978-3-440-16298-9

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10 and up

The Three ??? Kids — Overview

Over 7 Million — copies sold

The wacky inventor john Smith claims to have developed a time machine and now he has disappeared without a trace. The Three ??? Kids investigate, there is only one way: they have to make the time machine work.
Here is an overview of the different formats of this bestselling series.

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The Three ??? Kids, 5, Escape into the Future
€ 10,– [D]
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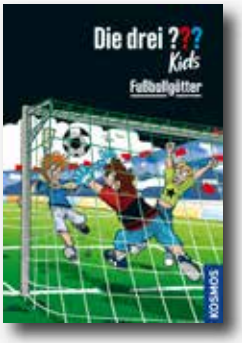

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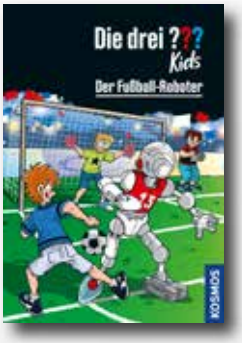

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Ulf Blanck/Boris Pfeiffer
The Three ???
Dragon-Alert!
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The Three ??? Kids – New Titles

New

Ulf Blanck
The Three ??? Kids
The Haunted Lighthouse, Vol. 92

7/22; € 10,- [D]

128 pages, 30 black-and-white-illustrations
laminated paperback, 21.0 x 14.5 cm
978-3-440-17371-8

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- **The Three ??? Kids hunt ghosts in the old lighthouse**
- **Bestselling series with more than 90 volumes**

What is wrong with the old lighthouse at Rocky Beach? The light beam projects creepy faces on the foggy sky over the ocean. Justus, Peter, and Bob want to get to the bottom of this. Are there really ghosts at work? When the friends find out that the lighthouse is supposed to be demolished, they become suspicious and immediately investigate…

Boris Pfeiffer, The Three ??? Kids – The Ghost Mill
978-3-440-17372-5
All right available

Ulf Blanck, The Three ??? Kids – Chaos in Front of the Camera
978-3-440-17544-6
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New

8 and up

Ulf Blanck/Boris Pfeiffer
The Three ??? Kids
Save Rocky Beach!

8/22; € 15,- [D]

144 pages, 30 colour illustrations
paperback, 21.5 x 15.2 cm
978-3-440-17374-9

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- **Thrilling town puzzle hunt about Rocky Beach's secrets**
- **Special edition with fold-out map of the crime scenes**

A strange woman appears in Rocky Beach and claims the unbelievable: She has inherited the land on which the town was built a long time ago! The Three ??? Kids start to investigate. But a great fire once has destroyed most historical documents. In the underground corridors of the library the friends finally find a clue. A thrilling hunt begins during which the detectives bring quite a few secrets of their town's inhabitants to light.

Nina Schiefelbein, The Three ??? Kids – Mission Soccer Code
978-3-440-17373-2
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Nina Schiefelbein, The Three ??? Kids – Mission Chewing Gum-Code
978-3-440-17211-7
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The Three !!!

- → **Target age 10+**
- → **Over 7 million sold copies**
- → **87 volumes + 31 special editions**
- → **Each story volume: 160 pages, no illustrations**

An All Girls Detective Series – Bestselling Success Story

In 2006 we decided to create another spin-off to balance the investigative boy trio with an all girls trio: The Three!!! were born. These stories are based on a team of three girls Franzi, Kim and Marie, set in Germany. The best friends have solved more than 90 exciting cases together already. There are special editions with a first love interest (hearts on the cover), there are do-it-yourself titles with creative ideas for kids, cases based on fairy tales, topological titles set in big cities, and many more...

Original Series

Spin-off Travel Series

The Three !!!
— Overview

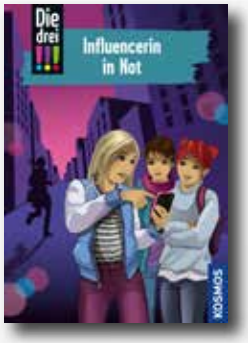
10 and up

THE THREE !!!

Over
7 Million
— copies
sold

Maja von Vogel
The Three !!! – The Riddle of the Ancient Oak, Vol. 97
€ 11,– [D]
978-3-440-16869-1
Rights sold: BG, ES (South America), FR, SK

The all-girls detective trio of Kim, Franzi, and Marie investigates exciting cases. In over 90 volumes they solve mysterious happenings. In this new title they participate in a forest experience week, with great activities like identifying animal tracks, outdoor kitchen, and campfire. But then things start disappearing… The detectives investigate and come across the legend of the ancient oak.



Jule Ambach
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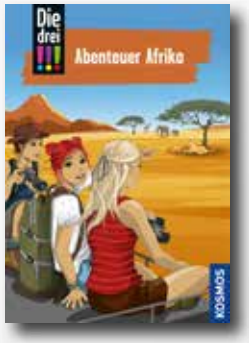

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The Three !!!
Dog kidnapped!
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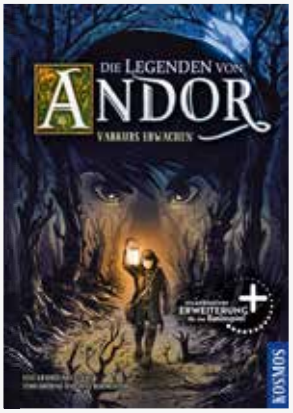
"*I love this character: she is fresh, young and a perfect example how girls are just as interested in and good at computer games as boys.*"

"*Our foremost dog expert of the country proves his playfulness with this wonderful title, the illustrations are really fun to look at not only for dog lovers!*"



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