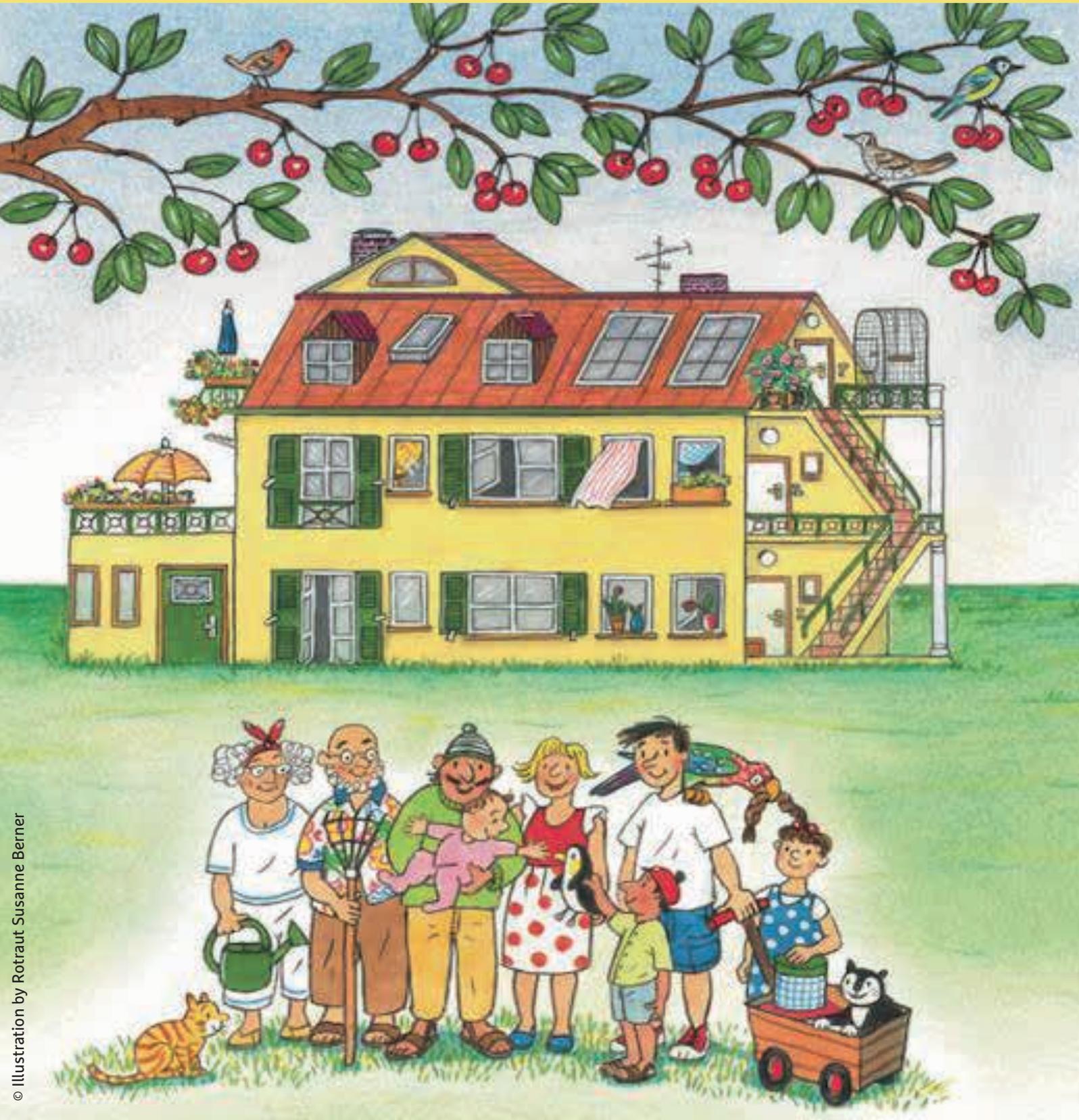


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Experience a Day in the Wimmlinger Home

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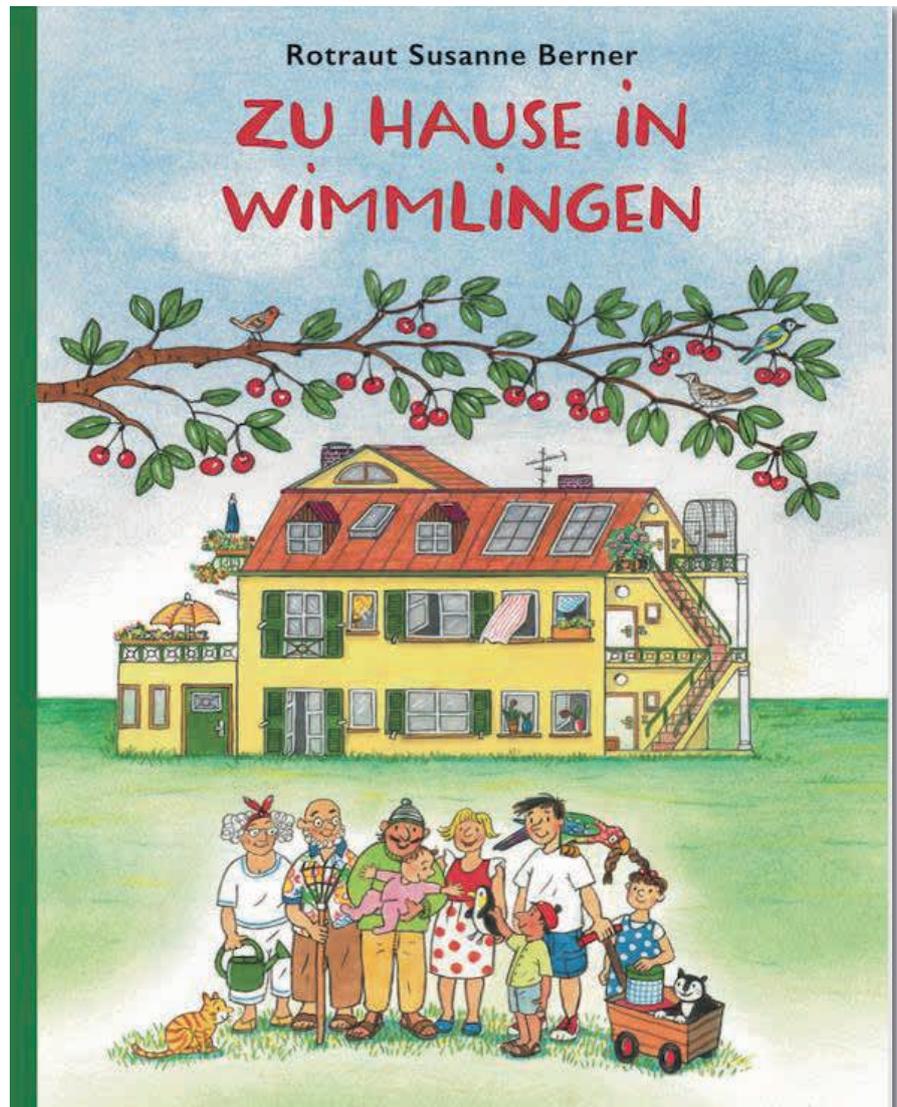
Rotraut Susanne Berner

Welcome Home in Wimmlingen *Zu Hause in Wimmlingen*

14 pages, fully coloured,
21.5 x 28.5 cm, cased board book
€ 13.00

Publication: July 2023

Sold to Belgium/The Netherlands



This kind of house has lots of stories to tell. Rotraut Susanne Berner invites us in and introduces us to the people and animals who live there. We can not only take a close look inside, like a doll's house, but walk through the rooms, see things from a new perspective and get re-acquainted with old friends.

Rhyming text by the artist makes this book fun to read for the whole family. A perfect introduction to Rotraut Susanne Berner's *Wimmel*-world, and a must for those who already call *Wimmlingen* home.

Rotraut Susanne Berner, born in Stuttgart in 1948, is one of the best-known and most honoured illustrators internationally. She studied graphic design at the University of Applied Sciences in Munich and has worked as a freelance author and illustrator since 1977. She has been nominated several times for the most important international awards, the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Prize and the Hans Christian Andersen Prize. In 2006, Rotraut Susanne Berner was awarded the special prize of the Deutsche Jugendliteraturpreis for her complete works. She lives in Munich.

Little Heroes and Big Friends

NEW

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Werner Holzwarth · Dorota Wünsch

Supercrawler

Die Superkrabber

32 pages, fully coloured,
25 x 26.6 cm,
hardcover
€ 16.00

Publication: July 2023
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Just out of curiosity, Trunky the Weevil inspects an abandoned picnic area. He finds a small card with a picture of an animal with a trunk, just like him! The card says that this animal can weigh 7000 kilograms and grow up to 4 metres high. Amazing! His friend Nosey, the rhinoceros beetle, is very impressed and excited when they find another card, this one showing an rhinoceros.

And there is also a picture of an animal with antlers, just like the ones their stag beetle friend Little Hubert has. The three of them can hardly believe what strong animals they will be when they grow up. Their heroic fantasies are interrupted when a call for help brings them back to the forest floor. That's when they realize that they are great as little crawlers, and they're the best of friends.

Werner Holzwarth, born in 1947, was Professor of Visual Communication at the Bauhaus University in Weimar. His 1989 book for children *The Little Mole* became a worldwide success. For Gerstenberg he invented the meerkat character in *I wish I were... thought the Meerkat*.

Dorota Wünsch was born in Lodz, Poland in 1962 and studied for two years at the Art Academy in her native city. In 1984 she came to Germany on a scholarship, and she stayed until 1992, studying art at the University of Mainz. Since 2003 she has worked as a freelance illustrator. She lives with her family in Saarbrücken.

Let's Build a Hedgehog House

NEW

5+

Bärbel Oftring · Jana Walczyk

**I build you a House,
little Hedgehog!**

**Ich bau dir ein Haus,
kleiner Igel!**

25 pages, fully coloured,
25 x 21.5 cm,
hardcover
€ 19.00

Publication: July 2023
All rights available



A hedgehog roams through Hannah and Paul's garden! How exciting! The children want to know more about the little spiny animal and its way of life: What does it like to eat? Are they allowed to feed it? What does it do in autumn and winter? And when are the baby hedgehogs born? In this richly illustrated picture book, young and old readers can learn all about this endangered native wild animal.

The flaps reveal exciting information about the hedgehog and how you can protect it. With the step-by-step instructions at the end of the book, readers can build a house to shelter a hedgehog all year around.

Jana Walczyk, born in 1989 in Bramsche bei Osnabrück, studied design and illustration at the University of Applied Sciences in Münster and earned her master's degree at the HAW Hamburg. Since graduating she has worked as a freelance illustrator for books and editorial. Walczyk has also illustrated *Look, a Snail!*, *Look, a Ladybug!*, *The World of Seals* and *I'll build you a House, little Wild Bee!*.

Bärbel Oftring, born in 1962, studied biology and worked as an editor in the garden and nature departments of a large publishing company. Today she works as a freelance author and editor. As an author of over sixty books, she especially loves communicating astounding, interesting, and valuable information about nature and the environment to children. Not accidentally, she is also an outdoor and experiential educator. Oftring published the volumes *Forest* and *Whales and Sharks* in Gerstenberg's series *Lesen – Staunen – Wissen*.

Of Cats and Men

NEW



10+

Lena Zeise

**How the Cat
Came to Us**

**Wie die Katze
zu uns kam**

72 pages, fully coloured,
21.5 x 30 cm,
hardcover
€ 22.00

Publication: July 2023
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Egyptian deity or shipboard mouse catcher, heroine of fairy tales and myths or beloved pet: it is impossible to imagine our lives without cats! For many thousands of years, they have had a place in our homes, yards and hearts. We accompany the cat on its journey through world events – from the hearths of our Stone Age ancestors to its celebrity appearance in millions of YouTube clicks.

This book gives a fascinating account of the many ways those velvet paws came to us – and have stayed until today! Innovative comic strips complement the informative text and animate the stories of these whiskered protagonists in an entertaining way.

Lena Zeise, born in 1992, studied communication design and illustration at Münster University of Applied Sciences. Since completing her Master's degree, she has been living and working in Münster as an illustrator, designer and author. She is active in children's and non-fiction books and has a special affinity for animal drawings and (writing) fonts. Gerstenberg Verlag recently published her work *Race to Nome*.

History Comes Alive for Children!

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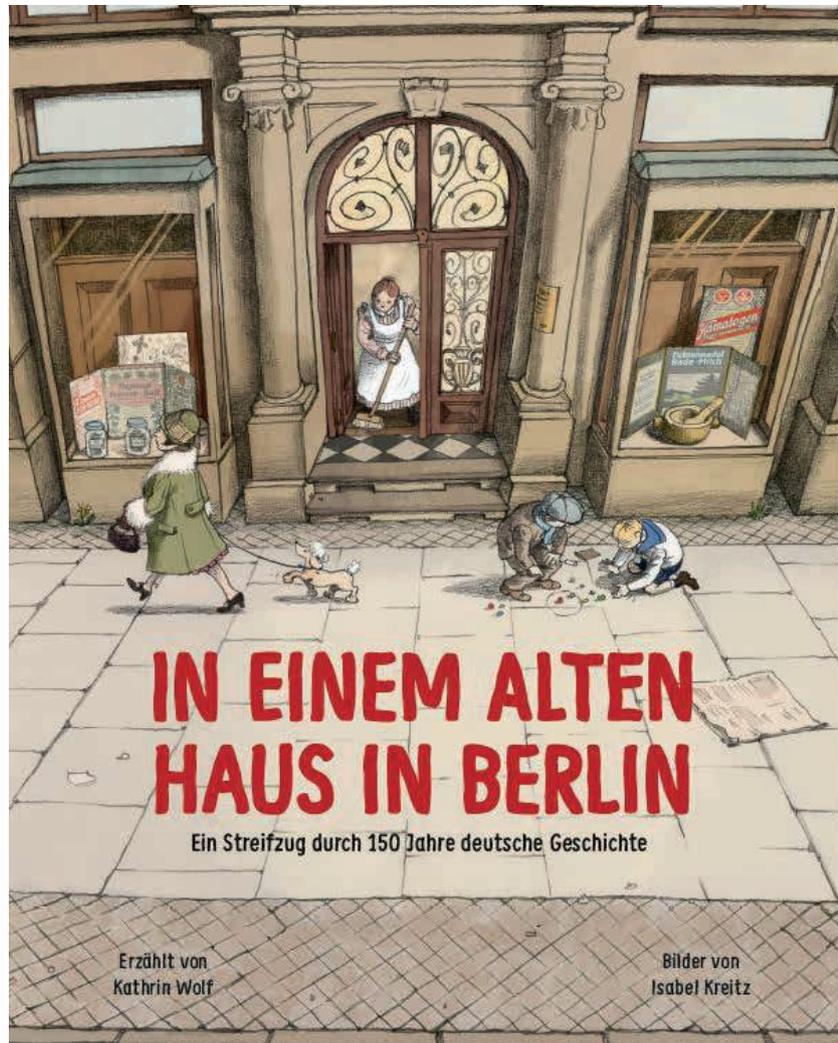
Kathrin Wolf · Isabel Kreitz

In an Old House in Berlin

In einem alten Haus in Berlin

64 pages, fully coloured,
24.5 x 34 cm,
hardcover
€ 25.00

Publication: July 2023
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In 1871 the Schwartz family, keeper of a pharmacy, proudly moves into their new house – a house that will showcase German history and everyday life in Berlin for the next 150 years. We follow the family through five generations and witness with them the days of Empire and World Wars, and the building, then the fall, of the Wall.

And throughout, we see the constant activity of its children: Karl and Martha, Ursula and Peter, and Laura and Ben. We look on as the events of the wider world shape their own lives.

Detailed pictures teeming with activity and informative captions make history easier to grasp, and bring Berlin to life!

Kathrin Wolf, born 1982, studied art history at Philipps University in Marburg and the University of Hamburg, and museum management and communication at the University of Applied Sciences in Berlin. The focus of her work for museums and cultural institutions, among them the Stadtmuseum Berlin, was storytelling.

Isabel Kreitz, born in 1967, studied illustration at the Design Institute of Hamburg and the Parsons School of Design in New York, where she discovered her love of cartoons and comics. The well-known artist has received numerous awards for her work, among them the Max-and-Moritz-Prize in Erlangen for best comic artist of 2012, and in 2019 the Wilhelm-Busch-Prize.

Do You Know Who Is Living In An Old Tree?

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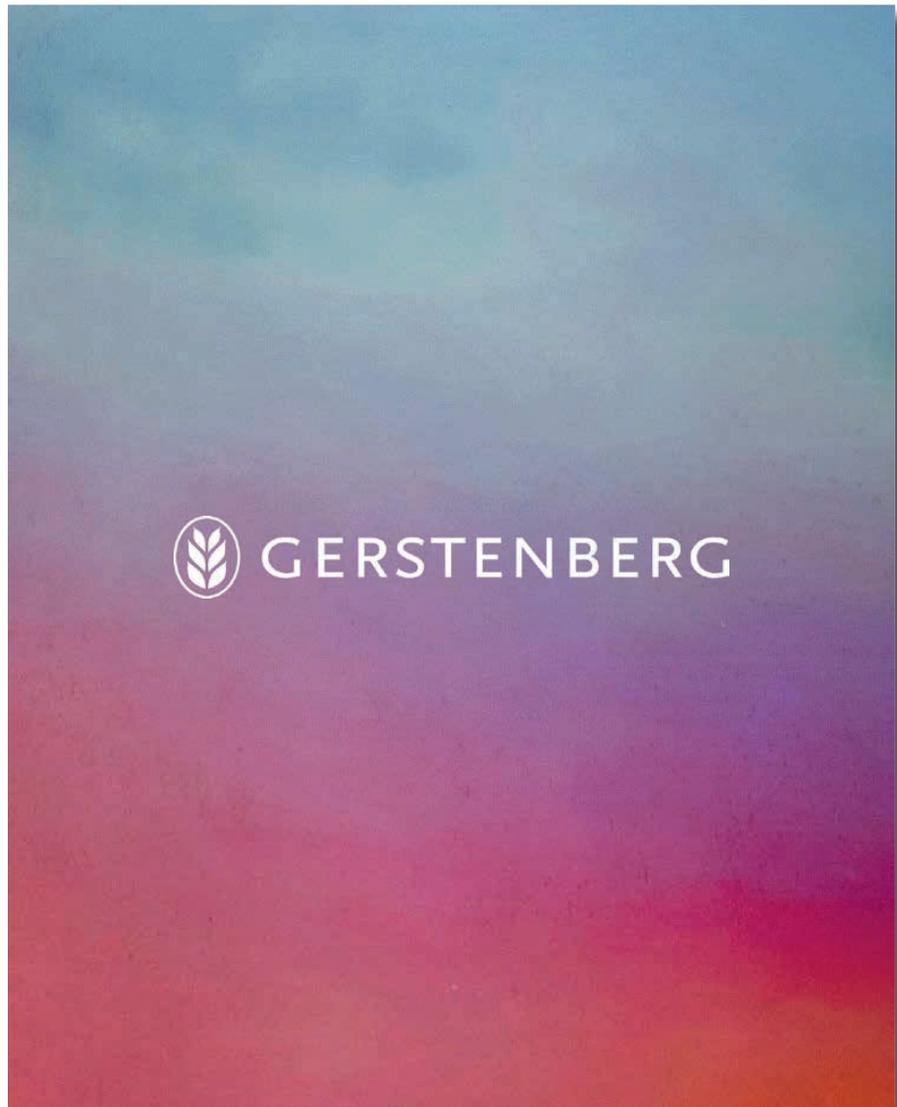
Ilka Sokolowski · Janine Czichy

Wild Life in Old Trees

Wildes Leben in alten Bäumen

64 pages, fully coloured,
21.8 x 28 cm,
hardcover
€ 18.00

Publication: January 2024
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Trees are fascinating creatures. They provide us with vital oxygen, keep the air clean and ensure a good climate. They can become very old too! During their long lifetime, they provide food, shelter and a home for countless animals. We will meet many of these animals in this book – from stag beetles to black storks, from beavers to bats.

As we get to know these veteran trees, we'll learn who lives

in the alluvial forest and by the river, what the moor and heath have to offer, what secrets there are to discover in the beech forest and what makes an oak forest so special. Even old fruit trees are teeming with wild life!

With a tree encyclopaedia at the end of the book and tips on planting your own tree.

Ilka Sokolowski was born in 1965 in Stadthagen. After receiving her Master's degree in German, English, and Philosophy in Hannover, she worked for many years as an editor for the magazine *Spielen und Lernen* and as a contributor to the *Treff-Jugendbücher*, a club devoted to sharing information about young adult books. Since 1998 she has worked as a freelance author with a focus on children's non-fiction.

Janine Czichy comes from Jena. She studied visual communication at the Bauhaus University Weimar and is currently doing her master's degree in design, part of which is illustration, at HAW Hamburg. *Deliciously Deadly*, her first book, is the result of her bachelor's thesis at HAW Hamburg.

Come With Us On A Journey Into The Middle Ages

8+

Frank Schwieger · Anne Bernhardi

Richard at the Knight's Castle

Richard auf der Ritterburg

48 pages, fully coloured,
21.5 x 30 cm,
hardcover
€ 16.00

Publication: January 2024
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The year is 1189 and we are in the deepest Middle Ages – a time of knights, castles and peasants. Eleven-year-old Richard is a peasant boy and lives with his family in a small village. Richard's parents are serfs of the knight Kunibert, and they are barely getting by. One night the village is attacked by robbers and the family's four pigs and chickens are stolen. A catastrophe! How are they supposed to pay their taxes and get through the winter? Then Richard has a bold plan: he'll go to Knight Kunibert and ask him for help.

Secretly, he sneaks out of the house and sets off. On the way he meets wandering bathers, journeymen on the road, monks, jugglers and pilgrims – and Agnes, Kunibert's daughter! Agnes, who is anything but a spoilt damsel, decides to help Richard. An exciting medieval adventure begins! With many illustrations and factual information about the Middle Ages.

Frank Schwieger teaches high school Latin and history and has been active as an author since 2009. His job has gotten him interested in nearly all ancient cultures. Today Schwieger lives with his family in Schleswig-Holstein.

Anne Bernhardi, born 1981 in Leverkusen, studied illustration at HAW Hamburg. Since then she has been working as a freelance illustrator and graphic designer with a particular penchant for historical themes.

From Merry Christmas to Happy Thanksgiving! – Seven Festivals around the World

5+

Volker Mehnert · Lena Schaffer

We Celebrate Festivals

Wir feiern ein Fest

48 pages, fully coloured,
29.7 x 21 cm,
hardcover
€ 16.00

Publication: January 2024
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Many children can hardly wait for Christmas to finally arrive. But there are many other festivals celebrated around the world! From Easter in Ethiopia to Hanukkah in Israel to the New Year in China: this book invites you to celebrate seven very special, joyful and contemplative festivals with children all over the world. Beginning with a short introduction to each country, it introduces children to the exciting, colourful life of that culture, from preparations to the festive day itself with all its characteristic customs and traditions.

Volker Mehnert has worked for many years as a freelance journalist, travel writer and book author in Latin America, Eastern Europe and the USA. His books deal with tourism and cultural and historical themes, as do the many articles he has written for the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* or *Die Welt am Sonntag*.

The informative non-fiction picture book with its cheerful and colourful hidden pages lets preschool and primary school children participate in the life of children in other cultures and their festivals.

Christmas in Austria – Easter in Ethiopia – Sugar Feast in Morocco – New Years in China – Thanksgiving in Canada – Hanukkah in Israel – Midsommer in Sweden

Lena Schaffer, born in Santiago de Chile in 1987, studied illustration at HAW Hamburg and at EASD Arte Superior de Diseno in Valencia. She worked as a freelance illustrator in Hamburg during her studies. She also designed the book *We Go To School*.

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