

# BOOKS FROM Germany

The selection of titles was created in 2011 by interviews with German librarians by Kerstin Keller-Loibl (Standing Committee, IFLA, section Libraries for Children and Young Adults) in cooperation with the German Library Association.

## 1 Werner Holzwarth • Wolf Erlbruch, ill. **Vom kleinen Maulwurf, der wissen wollte, wer ihm auf den Kopf gemacht hat [The Story of the Little Mole who knew it was none of his business / The Story of the Little Mole Who Went in Search of Whodunit]**

Hammer, 2001 • ISBN 978-3-87294-882-3



A terrible catastrophe befalls the little mole one bright, sunny morning. When he looks out of his hole—PLOP! Something that looks just like a sausage lands on his head. Whodunit? Our little

hero sets out to find who has left their business on his head. In the end, with the help of some flies, Little Mole gets his revenge.

## 2 Ernst Jandl • Norman Junge **Fünfter sein [Next please]**

Beltz & Gelberg, 2009 • ISBN 978-3-407-79401-7



Waiting for the doctor can be nerve-wracking, even for toys. As six injured playthings wait their turn to be called into a forbidding door, their growing apprehension is apparent on their faces. Each time, before the doctor calls,

“Next please”, the door opens and one happy toy comes bounding out, good as new. That doesn’t comfort the last toy in line – a wooden boy with a broken nose.

## 3 Helme Heine **Freunde [Friends]**

Beltz & Gelberg, 2008 • ISBN 978-3-407-77024-0



Charlie Rooster, Johnny Mouse, and Percy the pig are the best of friends. They do everything together. They ride their bike together, play games together, and even do their chores together. Because that’s what good friends

do. When night falls, though, and it’s time to go to bed, they learn that sometimes friends have to be apart. But that’s okay, because true friends always find each other, even if it’s just in their dreams.

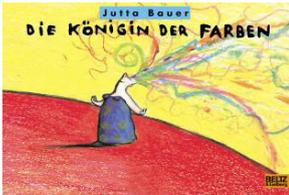


## 4 Nadja Budde **Einszweidrei Tier [One two three me]**

Hammer, 2000 • ISBN 978-3-87294-827-4

Did you ever notice that juice rhymes with moose? Or that pale rhymes with whale? Eye-catching, funky art and unexpected rhymes come together in this little book to show just how silly everyday words can be. Kids will crack up at the outrageous cartoon illustrations – a roach in

a shower cap? A boar wearing lederhosen? Read the simple, wacky text aloud, and what seems to be random words suddenly take on a clever rhythm and pattern all their own. What could be more fun than nonsense and concepts rolled into one?

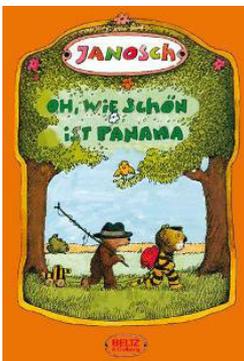


## 5 Jutta Bauer **Die Königin der Farben [The Queen of Colours]**

Beltz & Gelberg, 2009 • ISBN 978-3-407-79221-1

A young Queen lives alone in her castle, but becomes increasingly bored with her purely black and white world. To ease her boredom, the court

painter and court musician magically bring colour and adventure to her life.

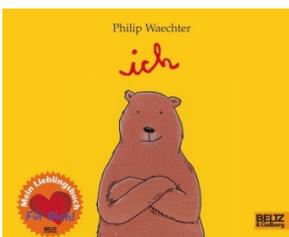


## 6 Janosch **Oh, wie schön ist Panama [The trip to Panama]**

Beltz & Gelberg, 2007 • ISBN 978-3-407-80533-1

Little bear and Little tiger live together in their house down by the river. They are quite content with their life until one day Little Bear finds a crate marked "Panama" floating in the river. The crate smells strongly of bananas and Little

Bear takes it home in great excitement to show Little Tiger. Panama suddenly becomes their dreamland and they will not be content until they have been there.

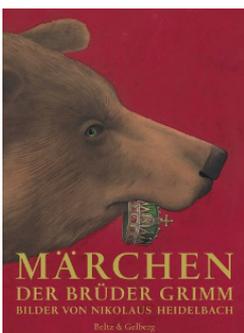


## 7 Philip Wächter **Ich [Me]**

Beltz & Gelberg, 2009 • ISBN 978-3-407-79404-8

Bears have more than a passing resemblance to humans. Especially this bear, who takes pleasure in the little things in life, and, of course, the big things as well. He is generous to a fault, and

if we are to take his word for it, a rather clever fellow. But, like many of us, even our bear has days when he feels dreadfully alone... Fortunately, he knows exactly what to do about it.



## 8 Jakob Grimm, Wilhelm Grimm • Nikolaus Heidelbach **Märchen der Brüder Grimm [Fairy tales by Brothers Grimm]**

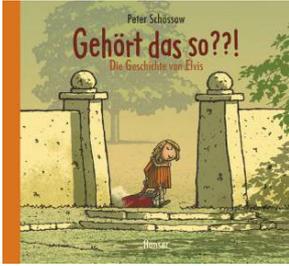
Beltz & Gelberg, 2009 • ISBN 978-3-407-79926-5

A family collection of 101 fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm, insightfully illustrated by Nikolaus Heidelbach.

Recommended for ages 10 and over.

## 9 Peter Schössow **Gehört das so??! [Is that right? – The story of Elvis / Can it be?]**

Hanser, 2008 • ISBN 978-3-446-20563-5



Nobody knows why the little girl with the big bag marches through the park and shouts at complete strangers – until finally someone dares to ask. Then it turns out that she is sad and angry because Elvis is dead. Not THE Elvis but her canary, who had the same name. That's sad. But now Elvis gets a real funeral, with candles,

a wreath with a sash, and afterwards there are biscuits and cocoa. And because that helps, the little girl can talk about Elvis again: what he was like and how beautifully he could sing. And who knows, maybe the two Elvises will meet in heaven...

## 10 Quint Buchholz **Schlaf gut, kleiner Bär [Sleep well, little bear]**

Sauerländer, 2007 • ISBN 978-3-7941-3666-7



With its tranquil pace and soft pencil drawings, this teddy bear tale makes a potent bedtime antidote for wound-up children. A wakeful teddy bear revisits his activities of the day just past, and ponders what he might do tomorrow. His mental

wanderings take him to a river, a meadow, a neighbor's house and a circus, where "in the evening quiet, the clown is playing a sleep song on his violin for the baby elephant."