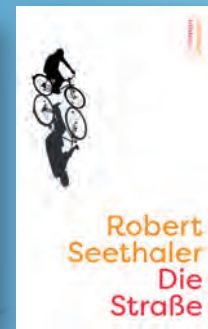
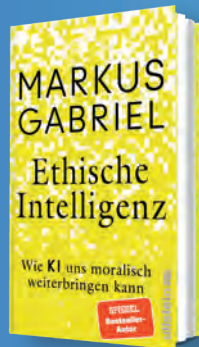
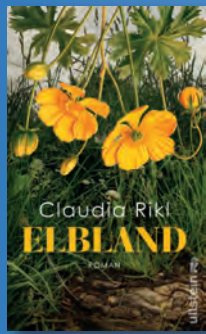




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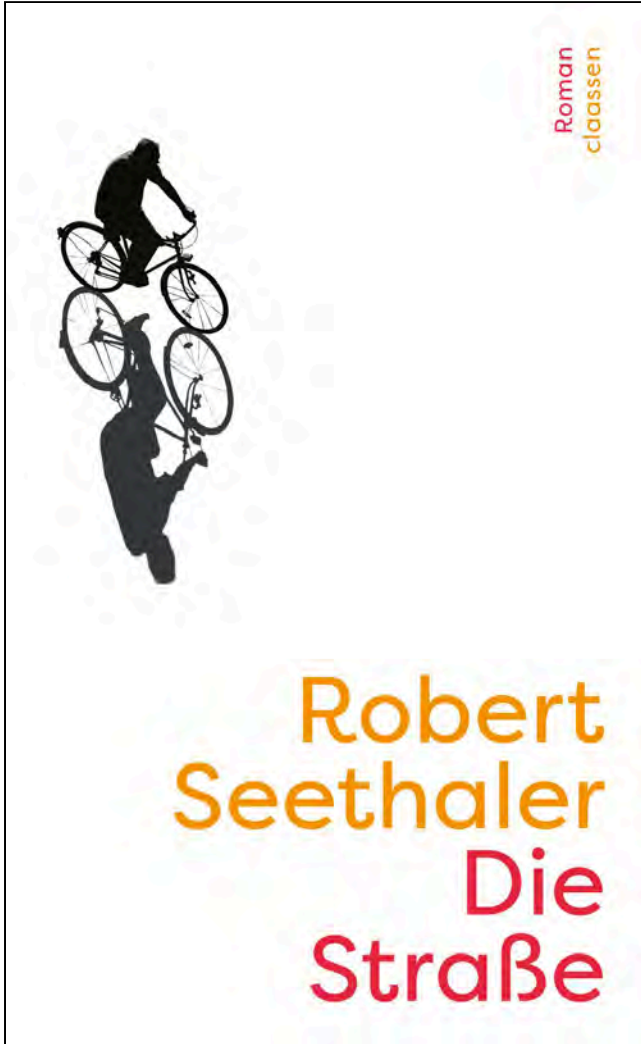


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# One year. A street. Its people. Their stories merged into a touching tableau of human existence.



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**Robert Seethaler's** bestselling books are being read across the globe with translations into more than 40 languages. His novel *A Whole Life* was shortlisted for the International Booker Prize and adapted for screen. *A Café With No Name*, was a finalist for both the Prix Femina and Prix Médicis étrangers. He lives Berlin.

- **Seethaler's previous novel *A Café With No Name* has sold close to 500,000 copies to date.**

## The Street

The street is neither in the city center nor on its outskirts. Hidden away somewhere in between, it doesn't draw tourists. Yet everything that can happen to people happens here.

A boy aims with his slingshot. Another is overcome by his own anger. A consortium tries to empty a tenement block. The tenants plan their resistance. The street festival needs planning. The city officials go out to lunch. The antiquarian battles mold, sunlight, bookworms, and fire. The florist falls in love. The homeless man dies outdoors; the elderly aunt in the nursing home. An apocryphal saint and the people behind their windows bear witness. Pigeons fall from the sky.

Worry shakes the residents, longing drives them out into the night, and love makes them lose their minds. Their paths cross every day, but how much do they really know about one another? In his new novel, Robert Seethaler weaves their stories into a mosaic of moments—and thus, a mosaic of life itself.

*"The god of ordinary people's feeling: Robert Seethaler has the talent to create characters and landscapes without any chatter or ponderous prose, using his characteristically pared-down and unadorned language."* – Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

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# A rediscovery of a forgotten 20th century masterpiece.



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**Iwan Heilbut** was born in Hamburg in 1898. His first two novels, *Triumph der Frau* (Horenverlag, 1928) and *Frühling in Berlin* (Ullstein, 1932), brought him literary acclaim. After the Nazi rise to power, Heilbut was briefly imprisoned before fleeing to Paris finally reaching the safety in the United States. His exile novel *Birds of Passage* (*Zugvögel/Die Überlebenden*) was published in a heavily abridged English translation in 1943. Heilbut returned to Germany in 1950. He continued to revise the novel until his death in 1972 but it was never published in German.

## Birds of Passage

Paris, Quartier Latin, 1939: The looming threat of war is beginning to shape daily life, even within the apartment building where Edvard and Rahel, refugees from Nazi Germany, have found a sense of community among French and foreign residents. Rahel is expecting a child, most loved and happily awaited by his parents. After being denounced by a neighbor, the couple move to a hotel inhabited solely by immigrants, where their son is born.

With the start of the French campaign, Edvard must report for internment and is separated from his family. In a camp dubbed “La macabre”, the prisoners are held under inhumane conditions.

Eventually Edvard is able to flee the camp and orchestrates his family’s escape first to Marseille, then via Spain to Lisbon, and after a long wait for American visas, they finally board a ship to New York, where Edvard is reunited with several former fellow inmates, each facing an uncertain future.

*Birds of Passage* is a densely woven and deeply moving novel of exile, distinguished by its authenticity and psychological nuance that stands out above all for its literary quality.

**“Beautifully written and intensely felt”** - The New York Times, 1943

### Iwan Heilbut | *Birds of Passage*

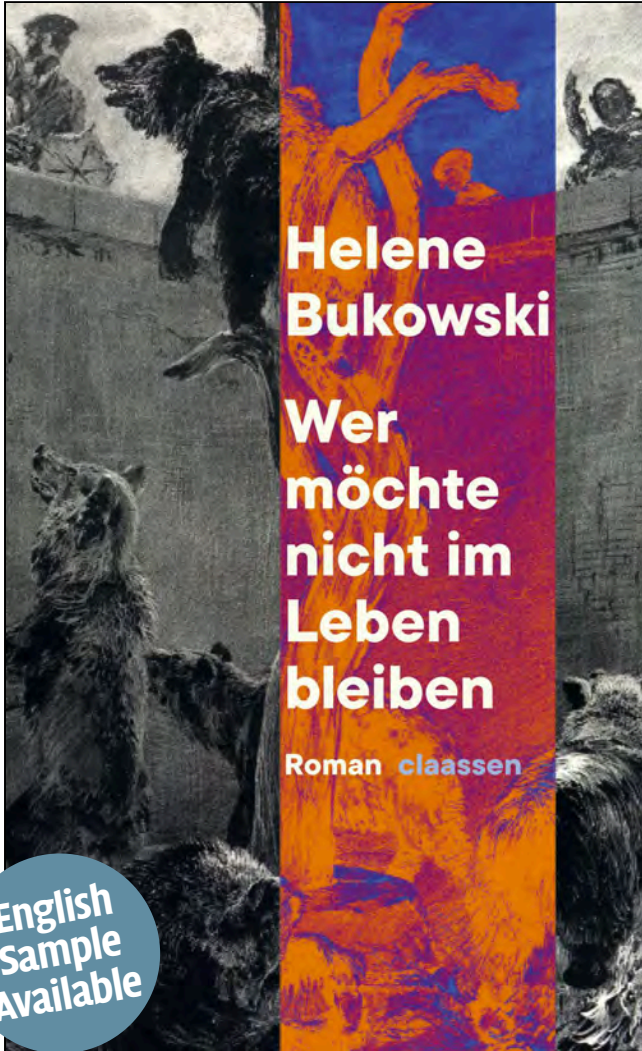
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# “Bukowski’s language has a downright magical beauty.” - Deutschlandfunk



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## Who Would Not Want To Stay In Life

In 1985, a young pianist takes her own life in a small GDR town. Three and a half decades later, the writer Helene Bukowski encounters Christina’s story and approaches it with tender, meticulous care.

She accompanies the child from Leipzig to Neubrandenburg, gets to know a father whose view of his daughter is clouded by his own ambitions, a mother whose photographic eye is good at seeing but who never learned to speak up, and a piano that sits immovably in their apartment. She follows Christina to Berlin, to the special school for music with its cold practice rooms and daily drill, and later, to the Moscow Conservatory. In small, piercing scenes, she shows how life is taken from Christina long before she steps out the window. Her selfhood is narrowed and overwritten by the demands of virtuosity, by her father’s projections, and by a political system hungry for victories.

Bukowski attempts to restore to Christina a dignity that the state she lived in and family myth have denied. The book braids documentary traces of Christina’s life with the author’s imaginative reconstructions, letting them test and unsettle each other, and preserves Christina’s individuality in uncertainty, in question marks, alternative scenes, and carefully signposted speculation. The result is a work of rare moral intelligence and aesthetic precision that will resonate deeply with readers of authors like Annie Ernaux, Rachel Cusk, and Jenny Erpenbeck.



**Helene Bukowski** studied at the Hildesheim Literary Institute. Her debut novel *Milk Teeth* was published in 2019 and adapted for cinema. *The Warrior* followed in 2022. Her books have been widely reviewed and translated into several languages. Today, she lives as a freelance writer in Berlin.

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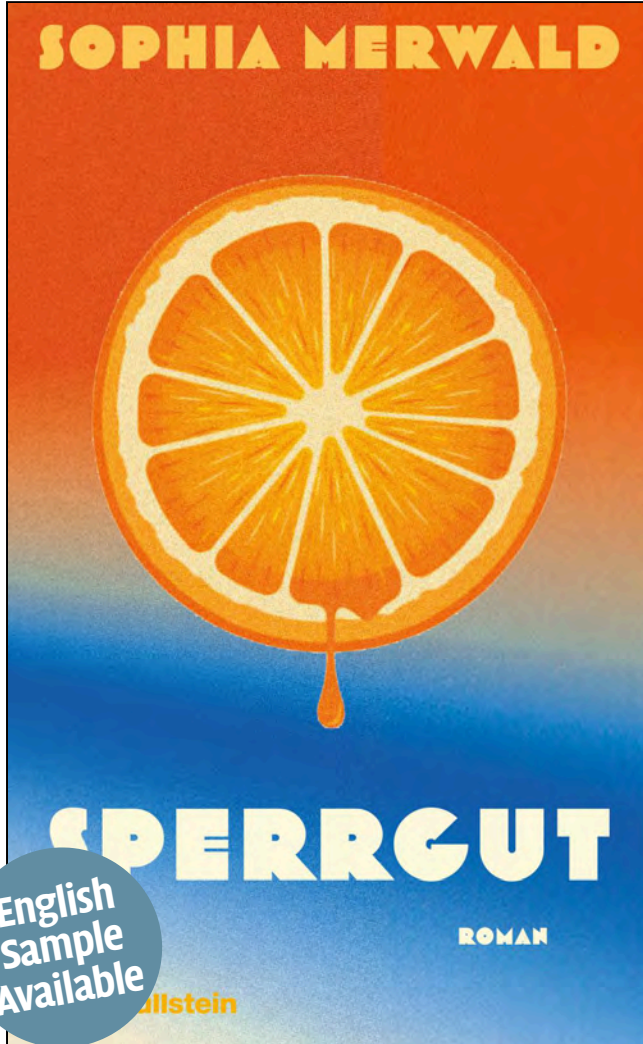
**Helene Bukowski | Who Would Not Want To Stay In Life**  
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# The extraordinary debut by the 2025 Alfred Döblin Prize laureate.



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## Outsize

At the beginning there is Nana Crystal who builds a house on a derelict industrial site, and the “Lusthansa”, as she calls it, becomes a home for women who have none. Years later, under the care of Nana Crystal and her partner Bruno, a new community takes shape there: Three generations live together, share paprika soup, watch Astro TV together, and look out for one another. Until the nearby city shows up with a demolition order and the “Lusthansa” has to fight for its existence.

Taking the term “safe space” literally, *Sperrgut* explores a community that rehearses living together remote from society and celebrates queer sexuality. For her story that moves between systemic critique, utopia, and postmodern mythmaking, Sophia Merwald invents her own, unique language: lyrical and playful, yet razor-sharp in observation, surreal and at the same time deeply truthful.

*“A few years ago, a very young, unknown writer read in my garden before 100 guests, all of whom pricked up their ears. Because the text and language were astonishingly amusing, unexpectedly masterful, and the text ‘worked’ in the best sense. Recently, this author was awarded the Alfred Döblin Prize. Her name is Sophia Merwald. And the text in your hands is already an award-winning debut.”* - Nora Gomringer

*“This book is an earthquake shaking the German-language literary landscape.”* - Yevgeniy Breyger

*“It is the unpredictability in Sophia Merwald’s language, that idiosyncratic, fairy-tale sound, that makes me feel: this author could very gladly tell me anything.”* - Anne Sauer



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**Sophia Merwald** studied journalism as well as film and media culture studies and works as a freelance journalist. *Outsize* is her first novel, that received several awards even before publication, including the Alfred Döblin Prize. She lives and works in Munich.

### Sophia Merwald | *Outsize*

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# The courage to age: A fearless, witty, and deeply honest celebration of midlife.



## Old Enough

"The party is far from over. But I'm going home anyway."

She is finally old enough—old enough for comfortable underwear and uncomfortable truths. She no longer laughs at every silly joke, knows where she doesn't belong, and feels freer than ever: free to stay, free to leave. Sometimes she wishes she had been this brave and wise earlier, but growing up takes time.

For this book, bestselling author Ildikó von Kürthy had to become old enough herself: she's faced inner and outer crises, found courage, failed repeatedly, applied to be a top model, said goodbye at her parents' grave, and met herself on a night in New York.

In this book, Kürthy celebrates the power of midlife, the wonder of afternoon naps, and the precious realization that we are not alone with our fears, ideas, doubts, painful farewells, and the overwhelming simultaneity of light and shadow.

*Old Enough* is a book full of insights and confessions—a brave, honest companion for everyone journeying beyond midlife, still searching, and not yet settled.



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**Ildikó von Kürthy** is a journalist and one of Germany's most widely read authors. She lives with her family in Hamburg. Her books are number one bestsellers, have sold more than seven million copies and been translated into 21 languages. She hosts the podcast *Frauenstimmen* (Women's Voices), posts about important and trivial matters on Facebook and Instagram, and writes a regular newsletter.

**Ildikó von Kürthy | Old Enough**

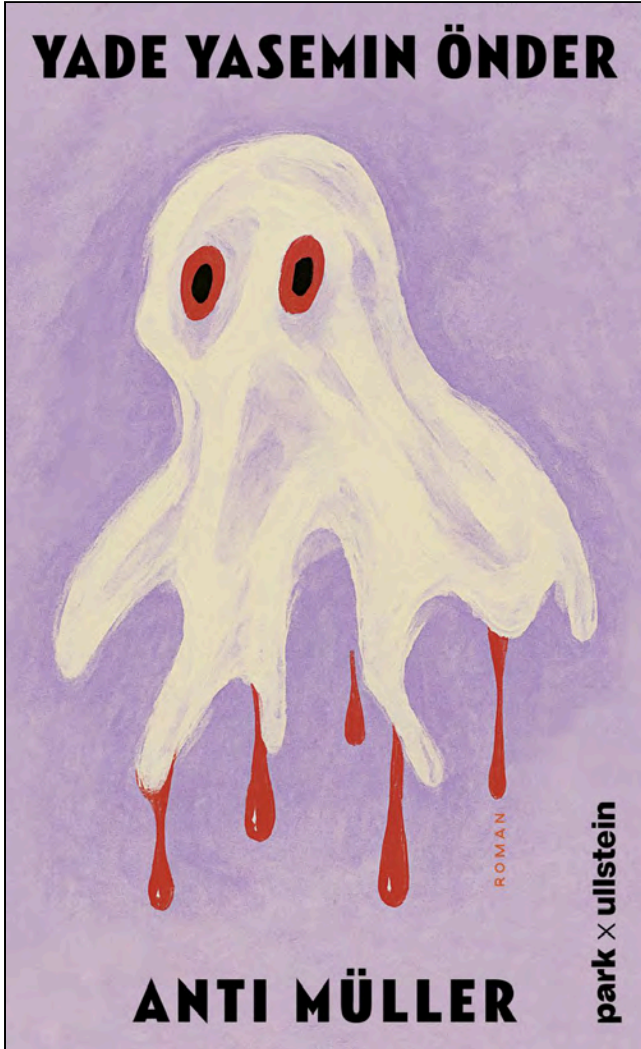
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# A literary coup about the delicate distinction between female autonomy and the limits of free will.



## Anti Müller

It's over with Kar Kauz. At 35 years, the protagonist stands before the ruins of her relationship with the celebrated author who ignored her desire for children for years. She tries to find distraction on Tinder but only slides into the next disaster with the hedonistic actor Andi. Not only does he already have twins, but also an ex who makes an surprise appearance in the bedroom one morning.

The longing for a child escalates into an all-consuming obsession. When the relationship with Andi fails, her novel doesn't succeed as hoped, and further dates are also unproductive, she makes a drastic decision: She will fulfill her greatest wish by herself. Even if that means becoming a perpetrator.

Anti Müller is a social novel about the fine arts with creepy undertone, about identity-political trench warfare, and about the moral bankruptcy of pseudo-gentle contemporary men, under whose fingernails the dirt of the patriarchy still sticks.

*"I dare to prophesy, this book will be a feminist classic."* - Daniela Dröscher

*"You want to read more from this author."* - SWR 2  
LESENSWERT



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Yade Yasemin Önder's first play *Kartonage* was invited to the Autor\*innentheatertage Berlin in 2017 and premiered at the Vienna Burgtheater. In 2018, she received the main prize for prose at open mike. Her debut novel *Wir wissen, wir könnten, und fallen synchron* (We know we could, and fall in sync) was awarded the Debut Prize of lit.COLOGNE and the Nicolas Born Debut Prize in 2022 and was nominated for the ZDF aspecte Literature Prize. In 2023, she received a scholarship from the German Literature Fund. In 2024, the collective novel *Wir kommen* (We are coming) was published, which she co-authored. In 2026, the play *Bu sözler bizim – Die Worte gehören uns* (The words belong to us) premieres at Schauspiel Leipzig.

### Yade Yasemin Önder | Anti Müller

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# The Birth of a Daring Stylist: James Joyce meets Virginie Despentes.



## Beware the Zeitgeist

*Beware the Zeitgeist* is a radical contemporary novel that captures a single day of profound contrast. On February 6, 2023, while a devastating double earthquake brings absolute catastrophe to southeastern Anatolia and northern Syria, it is just another ordinary day in Zurich.

The news reaches the novel's nameless narrator in her Zurich apartment, and her thoughts immediately travel to her grandmother and mother, both of whom originate from the affected region. Structured in 24 cantos, one for each hour of the day, the narrative delves not only into her family's history of immigration and farewells but also into the narrator's own fractured present. The past intrudes further when the great love she lost a year ago reaches out to express condolences. Just as the earth cracks open in Anatolia, this message shatters her own emotional armor.

Every canto is a stylistic experiment in itself shifting from newspaper jargon to the script of an academic lecture. Each masterfully employs stream of consciousness, intertextuality, and multilingualism. The result is a portrait of a heroine full of contradictions: a cosmopolitan and a migrant who doesn't want to be modern, yet in her struggle, couldn't be anything but.



**Hayat Erdoğan** is a dramaturg, curator, and columnist. She studied German, English, and Dramaturgy, was a research fellow at the James Joyce Foundation in Zurich and Trieste, a lecturer at the Zurich University of the Arts, and led artistic, research-based projects between London and Hong Kong. From 2019 to 2025, she was co-director and dramaturg at the Theater Neumarkt in Zurich. *Beware the Zeitgeist* (*Hauptsache kein Zeitgeist*) is her debut novel.

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### Hayat Erdoğan | *Beware the Zeitgeist*

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# Between Take-Off and Landing: A Love That Defies Gravity - The new novel by bestselling author Kurt Prödel.



## Salto

"Close your eyes. Wait a second. Open your eyes."

School is over. Marko and Claire are a couple, but both sense their relationship is nearing its end. Marko, top of his class, still falls short of his dream to study medicine. Claire just wants out—out of their small town, into the real life everyone talks about. Marko, meanwhile, is stuck between TikTok and future anxiety in a bleak apartment block that smells of wet dog and lemon cleaner. Only when his father Igor reveals his mother's inheritance a way out appears: an expensive medical program in Hungary, paid for with everything they have. But instead of leaving together, Marko and Claire run in opposite directions. The further they drift apart, the more they lose control—until everything is hurled into the air, and nothing is as it was.

*Salto* is the portrait of a life suspended between take-off and landing. A radically contemporary coming-of-age novel for the age of overwhelm, it tells of bodies that rebel and the courage not to give up. But above all, it's a sweeping love story.



**Kurt Prödel** is an artist and author. He has directed music videos, produced audiobooks, and worked on late-night show *Studio Schmitt*. He also plays drums for the punk band *The Screenshots*. *Rattles* is his literary debut.

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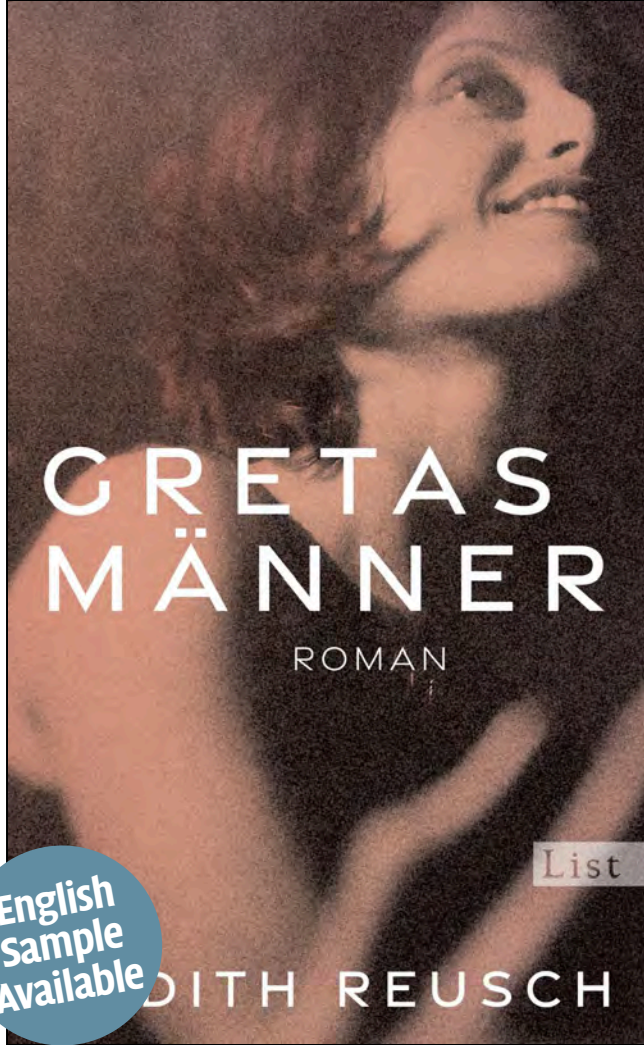
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# The Great Love. Five times over.



## Greta's Men

Greta has been married five times, and all but one of her husbands died shortly after the wedding. In the family, they call her “the Queen Bee.” When her granddaughter Lola names her little daughter after the unknown grandmother, a decades-old family conflict resurfaces. Why did Lola’s mother, Marie, break off contact with Greta? Curious, Lola visits the 87-year-old and discovers, behind the rumors, a woman with an extraordinary life story. From the 1950s to today, a moving panorama of female self-determination, tragic losses, and unexpected happiness unfolds.

A gripping novel about mother-daughter relationships and the burden of unspoken wounds, perfect for readers of Dörte Hansen and Daniela Krien: profound and true to life, with a strong protagonist whose life reflects half a century of history.



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**Judith Reusch** was born in Poland and emigrated to Germany at the age of nine. She completed her studies in German literature, political science, and philosophy at the University of Stuttgart with a doctoral dissertation on “Temporal Structures in Goethe’s *Elective Affinities*.” The author lives with her family near Stuttgart and works as a freelance lecturer.

### Judith Reusch | Greta's Men

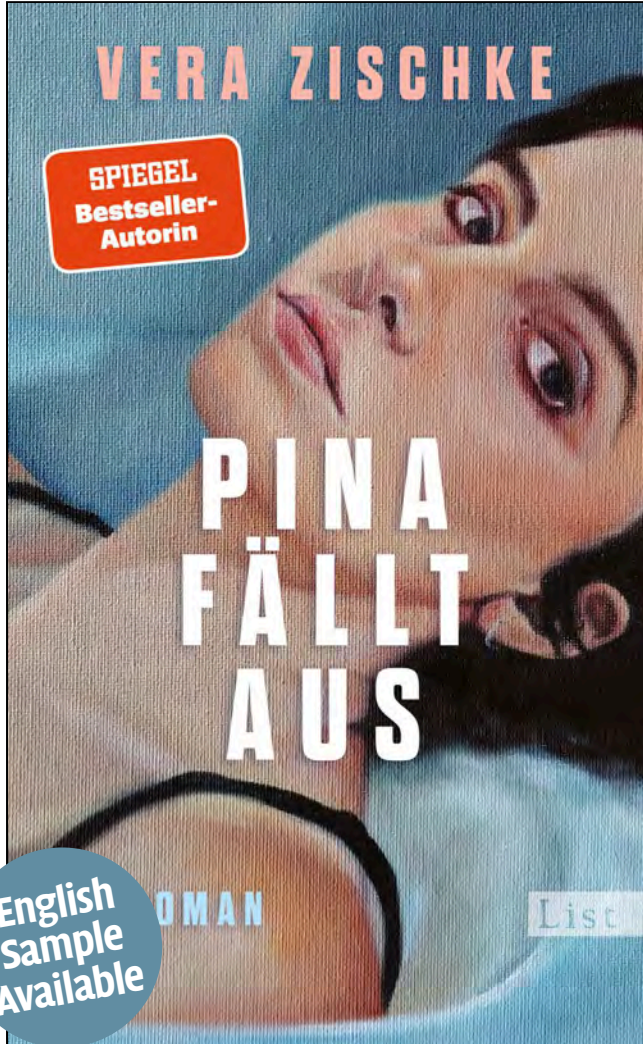
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# A deeply human novel about solidarity and responsibility in times obsessed with functioning.



## Pina Is Out Of Action

When Pina collapses in the middle of the intersection, she has only one thought: Who will take care of Leo now? Her son is twenty years old and lives in a world of his own — a world only Pina understands. In the morning, he won't get out of bed until a green bubble rises in his lava lamp. When he walks up stairs, he does it in his own rhythm: always two steps forward and one step back. The other residents of the house don't understand the strange young man. Sixteen-year-old school dropout Zola, the resigned recluse Wojtek, and the world-weary senior Inge already have enough on their own plates. But now Pina is in the intensive care unit, and Leo is alone in the apartment for the first time. The neighbors are in shock. They surely can't be responsible for him! But Leo needs them. And as this unlikely group stumbles through an entirely new daily routine, each one of them realizes: they need Leo, too.



**Vera Zischke** trained as a journalist and, after many years as a reporter, believed nothing human could surprise her anymore. Then she had three children – and realized the real adventure was only just beginning. Her debut novel *Ava Awakens* was recommended thousands of times on social media and thus became a secret bestseller. On Instagram, under @verazischke, she speaks out against unrealistic ideals of motherhood, writes about her life as a “tired writing mom,” and sometimes also about being a caregiving parent. She continues to work as a newspaper editor.

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### Vera Zischke | Pina Is Out Of Action

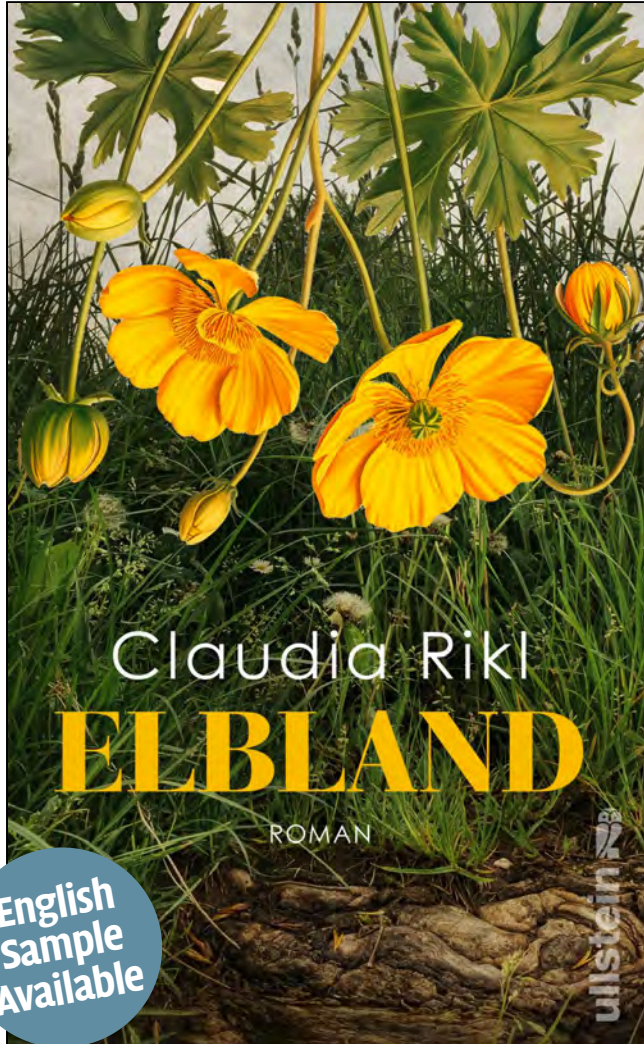
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# A powerful family drama about loss, silence, and the courage to break the cycle of generational trauma.



## Elbland

After the death of her mother, actress Nina loses her voice. Her mother's silence chokes her, leaving too many questions unanswered: What shook Irma so deeply that she could never give her eldest daughter the warmth she craved? What happened that last summer on the banks of the Elbe, when Nina's little sister Katja vanished across the green border and the family was torn apart forever?

In her search for buried truths, Nina follows her family's footsteps to the Czech Giant Mountains. Here, she finally feels the sun on her skin and the ground beneath her feet. A photograph leads her to the roots of her mother's silence.

Told in evocative flashbacks, one learns the whole story of an entire people displaced. A trauma that reverberates painfully into the present.

Only when secrets are brought to light can healing begin.

*"An intense drama and a novel that encourages people to forgive." – Kristina Hauff*



**Claudia Rikl** was born and raised in a small town in the former GDR. She is a literary scholar and writing lecturer and lives with her family in Leipzig. In *Elbland*, she deals with the history of her Sudeten German family.

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### Claudia Rikl | *Elbland*

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# So close to heaven: Two sisters in search of the truth.



## Daughters of the Himalayas

Mia and Chiara, adopted daughters of a Milanese fashion dynasty, couldn't be more different: While Chiara shines in the fashion world, Mia is searching for meaning beyond the glamor. But when their mother falls seriously ill, an old piece of jewelry and a letter send Mia on a journey to Nepal—and to a secret that reveals her origins and the story of a lost royal family.

Between the peaks of the Himalayas and the intrigues of the past, Mia discovers not only the truth, but also herself—and soon finds herself in mortal danger.

A riveting plot, beautifully told for all fans of family stories with dark secrets in the tradition of Lucinda Riley or Tessa Collins

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**Amelia Martin** is the pseudonym of a German bestselling author. For years, she worked as an expert for an auction house trading worldwide, researched the provenance of antique furniture and artworks and organized exhibitions. Having lived abroad in England and Europe, she now travels to the places where her novels are set for long research trips. Amelia Martin previously published two successful historical sagas with Ullstein.

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### Amelia Martin | Daughters of the Himalayas

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# Five women, five continents, one family's hidden legacy. Each daughter's journey brings them closer to the truth - and themselves

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## The Flower Daughters

**The Flower Daughters:** After Rose's death, Dalia discovers a letter revealing her father's identity and she embarks on a journey to trace her heritage. Her quest leads her from Mexico City to ancient Mayan ruins, uncovering an unknown family and her parents' tragic love story that began at the historic Tulum site.

**The Wildflower Daughter:** Soley appears to have it all. Yet, the successful singer feels more alone than ever before. When an oil painting of a woman who looks like her surfaces at the family estate, Soley follows the portrait's trail to Iceland and delves into the history of a land to which she is profoundly connected.

**The Carnation Daughter:** After her grandmother's death, Lali feels lost. Rose had been her comfort after her mother left for Sri Lanka, a decision Lali never understood. When she finds her mother's poems, she is stirred to confront her. For the first time, Lali travels to Sri Lanka where she uncovers the secrets of a tea plantation.

**The Magnolia Daughter** When Magnolia discovers an old plane ticket to New Zealand among her late grandmother's belongings, she sets out for the mysterious land at the other end of the world. What she uncovers there is not only entwined with New Zealand's dark history, but also with the secrets of her own family. Amidst breathtaking landscapes, her commitment to environmental protection, and an unexpected romance, Magnolia gradually unravels the tragic fate of her relatives.



Tessa Collins lives with her family in a small town in Southern Germany. When she is not spending her time traveling, she dedicates it to writing about her dream destinations or enjoying the outdoors.

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### The Rose Daughter

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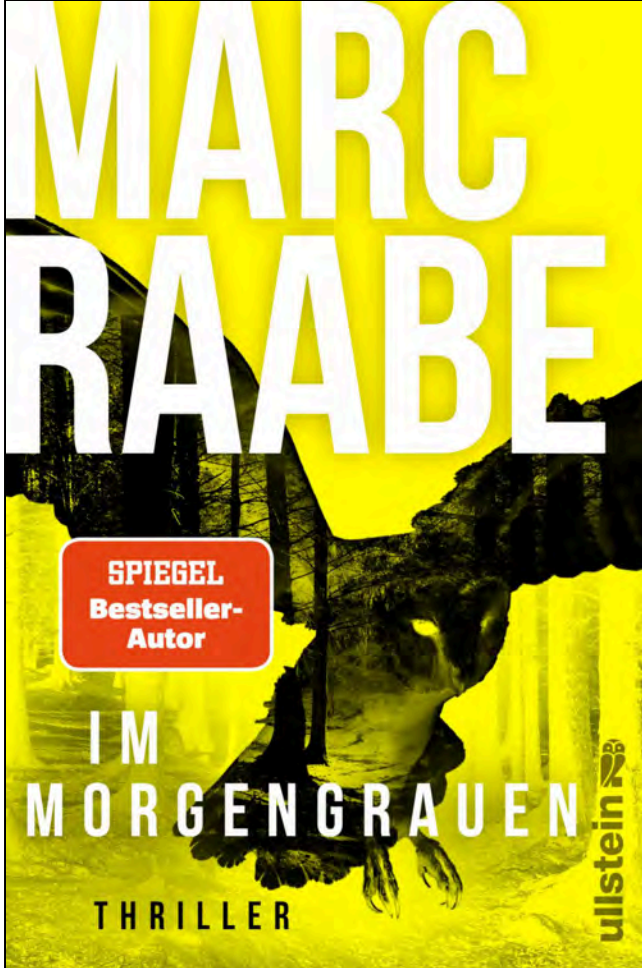
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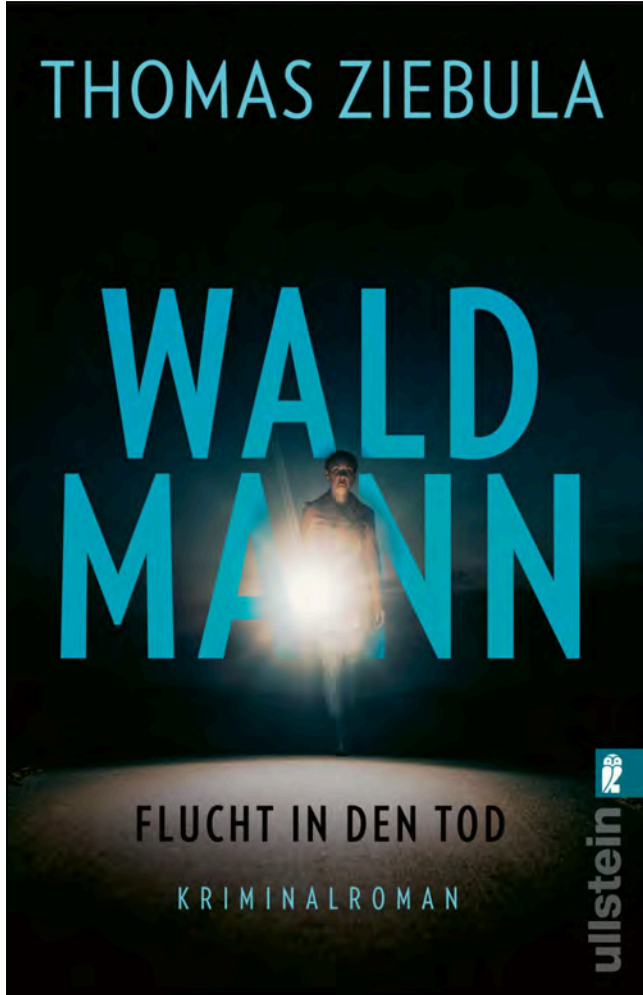
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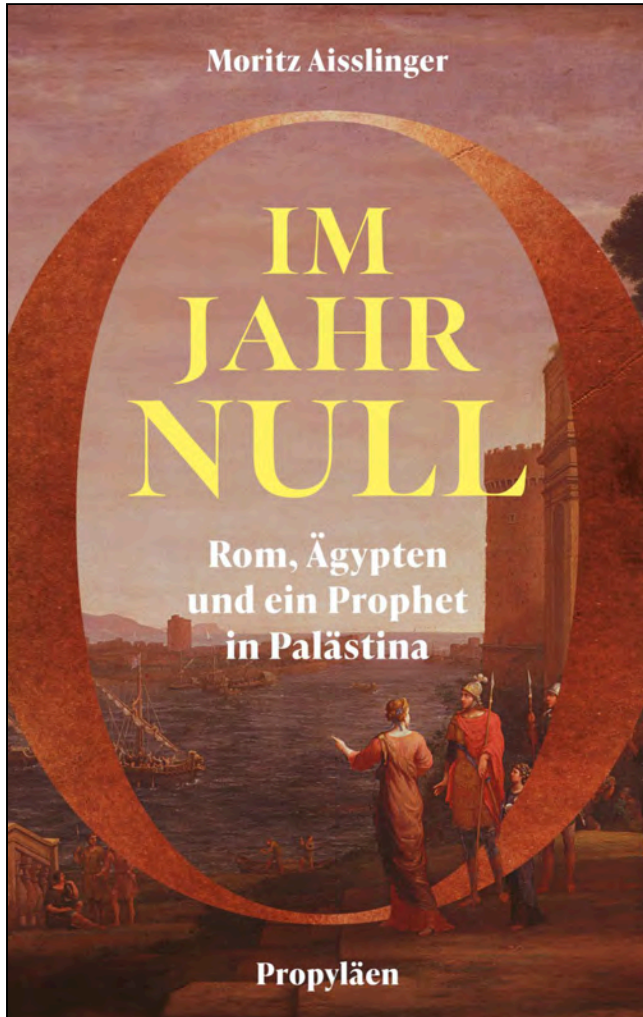
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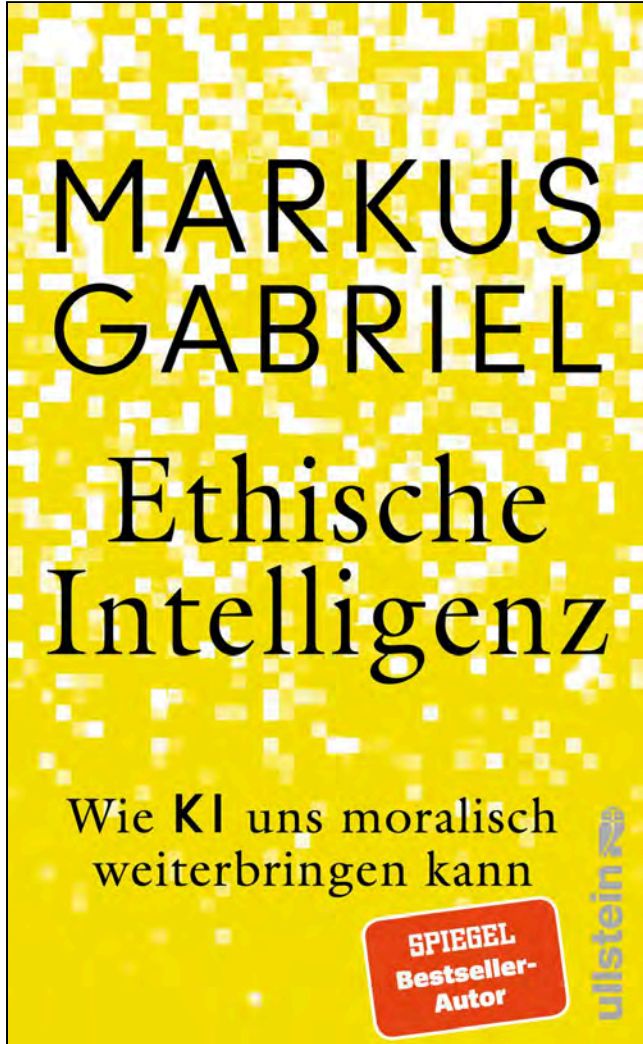
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# How AI can deepen our understanding of ourselves and our morality



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## Ethical Intelligence

As large language models become everyday companions, the AI revolution has revealed that its most profound effects are not technological but emotional. It transforms how we relate, think, and understand ourselves. Humanity stands before what amounts to a magic mirror. We need philosophical guidance that runs deeper than technological introduction.

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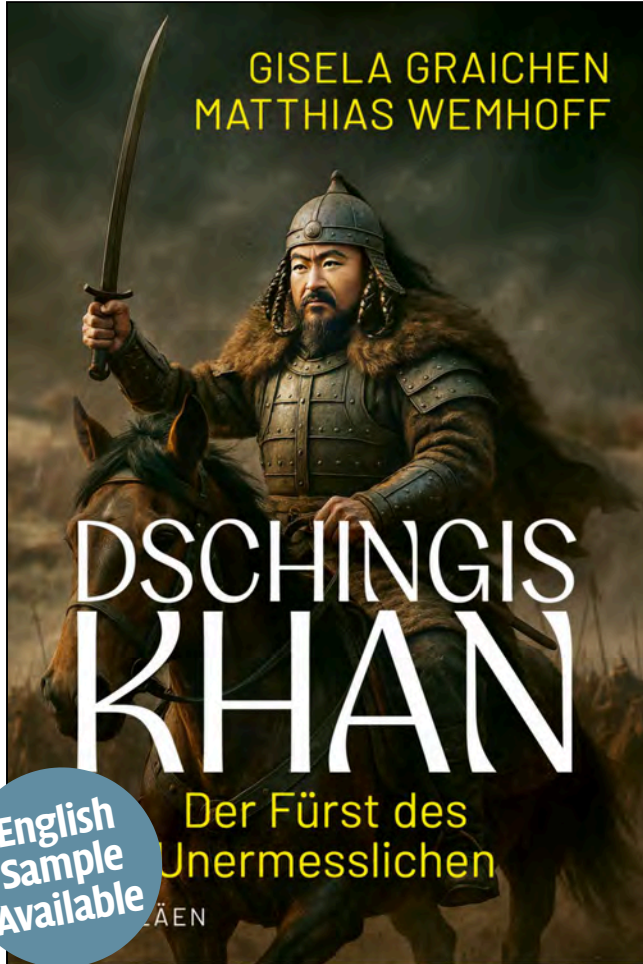
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# A radically new approach to overcoming political polarization.



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## Brain Over Morals

“We need a new idea of what it means to be human. We need a non-ideological understanding of our nature that begins with our brain cells and extends to intercultural differences and political beliefs.”

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# When and why do democracies start to unravel? A defining question of our time explored from a historical perspective.



## People Gone Mad

“People gone mad.” Whose mind has that thought not crossed lately? Moshe Zimmermann doesn’t focus on the individual, but on entire societies, on “the people”: Where is the tipping point? What triggers the moment when seemingly stable democracies with strong civil societies begin to falter? When do dangerous populists gain the upper hand, or even a fascist leader seize power? What drives people to turn away from hard-won core values such as freedom, justice, and solidarity?

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# Resisting the backlash against vulnerability.



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## Anti-Victim

On talk shows, in political debates, at the dinner table: “victims” are a hot topic. However, the word is not used to name those who have suffered injustice anymore. Instead, it is aimed at those who disturb a perceived peace, are deemed soft, drag others down, or supposedly want to put themselves above everyone else. “Victim” has become an accusation. If people would just stop whining so much, the argument goes, we wouldn’t have so many problems. What happens to our society when sensitivity is dismissed as elitist, while “might makes right” is celebrated as egalitarian and authentic?

In her new book, Alice Hasters traces a media-amplified cultural shift that is no coincidence and that goes hand in hand with the resurgence of authoritarianism and fascism. Yet these systems, too, need “victims”: supposedly fragile, vulnerable figures whose protection justifies a politics of hardness against others: women and children, “European culture,” or “prosperity.”

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But we can also perceive quieter signals such as tension or relaxation, looseness or nervousness, fatigue or vitality. What these different signals mean, where they come from, and what important information they reveal about our bodies is explained by bestselling author and sports scientist Prof. Dr. Ingo Froböse in his new book. It is an essential guide to living a healthy life in both inner and outer balance.

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## Concise, pragmatic, and compassionate: an ideal guide for men ready to move beyond the limits of patriarchal norms.



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- **An under-the-radar feminist must-read**
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### Tools For Men With Feminist Ambitions

Many men grow up learning "how to be a man": to keep feelings under control, to equate competence with invulnerability, to treat tenderness as risk, and to navigate intimacy through silence or performance. These habits don't arise in a vacuum. They are shaped by patriarchal norms that narrow the range of acceptable masculinity. These norms damage relationships, undermine emotional life, and reproduce inequality in subtle, everyday ways.

In this lucid and compassionate guide, Martin Barner makes a simple case: no individual man can "fix" a structural problem, but every man can learn to recognize how he incorporates it through reflexes, expectations, and learned roles so he can begin to loosen its grip. Feminism in the context of this work is no mere slogan or badge. It is a daily practice: how we listen, how we argue, how we take up space, how we handle power, and how we show care.

Barner offers eleven practical tools paired with exercises and reflection questions to help readers identify the limits patriarchy imposes, and leave them behind. The result is a pragmatic invitation to rethink masculinity without defensiveness: toward greater responsibility, freedom, and a more honest way of relating to others and to oneself.

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