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Welcome

Dear colleagues, partners and friends,

We are delighted to present you our newest LangenMüller titles for this spring.

With this programme we present you literary and historic treasures and non-fiction books about current issues and topics that are on our society's mind. We are featuring moving historical fiction, such as "Ella & Co. KG" as well as Thilo Sarrazin's political works on freedom of expression ("The New Youth Terror") and current German struggles ("Germany Is Abolishing Itself").

Make sure to also check out Johannes von Buttlar's new scientific novel "The Formula of Creation". With his academic background in Astronomy and Physics von Buttlar creates a thrilling read about scientists searching for a plan of creation.

We hope you enjoy this selection. Please contact us for (digital) meetings, reading materials or any questions you might have.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Julia Courmont, Kirstin Kreppel & Elmar Klupsch



A woman embarks on her own journey



Ella & Co. KG

Gerhard Delling
March 2021

€ 24.-

416 pages,
hardcover with dust jacket,
13.5 x 21.5 cm
978-3-7844-3581-7

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- ▶ **Moving family story from the years of the German economic miracle**
- ▶ **The impressive rise of a "power woman" in the young federal republic**
- ▶ **Stirring first novel with biographical traits**

After the violent death of her parents at the end of the war, 18-year-old Ella must get a handle on her life all by herself. With many ideas, unshakeable self-confidence and a good amount of chutzpah, she takes the first opportunity that comes along and turns a run-down coffee shop into a popular meeting place. When her successful start-up comes to an abrupt end, Ella is just getting started. If the term "power woman" had already existed back then, she would have more than earned this title. The men in her environment are barely up to that energy level. And for her family, too, it isn't always easy to get to grips with Ella's bustling busyness.



GERHARD DELLING for many years was head of sports programming at a German TV station and reported from large athletic events, such as the Olympic Games. In 2019, Delling took to the microphone for the last time. Thereafter, he devoted himself to the project dear to his heart, writing his first novel, with clear biographical traits.

German-Jewish history – magnificently told

Ludwig and Hannah Displaced in Tel Aviv

Rafael Seligmann
October 2020

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Rafael Seligmann, born 1947 in Tel Aviv, is a German writer, political scientist and historian. After emigrating to Munich he studied politics and began working as a journalist. He has published several essays and articles in renowned German newspapers. In his novels he focuses on shining a light on the complicated German Jewish relationship.



Run, Ludwig, run!
€ 24.–
978-3-7844-3466-7

- ▶ **The continuation of Rafael Seligmann's moving family saga "Lauf, Ludwig Lauf"**
- ▶ **Exile in Israel and a longing for their German homeland**

"In a unique way, historian and writer Rafael Seligmann has made us see how the history of the 20th century shapes family histories."
– Deutschlandfunk

In 1933, Ludwig flees Nazi Germany to Tel Aviv. Barely speaking a word of Hebrew, he works his way up from orange picker to executive officer with great energy and a sunny disposition. In the nick of time, he brings his parents and siblings to Palestine, thus saving their lives. When he meets beautiful Hannah in 1940 and the two of them get married, everything points to a happy future. However, personal misfortunes and political uncertainty in the newly founded state of Israel leave Ludwig and Hannah increasingly longing for their German homeland. Together with their son Rafael, they return to Germany, where prejudices against Jews are by no means a thing of the past ...

An extremely thrilling, visionary novel: is there a cosmic plan?



The Formula of Creation: Venture Into the Impossible

Johannes von Buttlar
April 2021

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320 pages, 20 colour photos,
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- ▶ **Comeback of the bestselling author**
- ▶ **Unique link between science and fiction**
- ▶ **Uncommon insights into cosmology, quantum physics and quantum biology**

Physicist John Brandon is invited to a conference in Pasadena, US. There, scientists from around the world are looking for answers to the question: is there a cosmic plan, a formula of creation, a God as creator? Or is everything a random physical process to which we are subjected? The quantum computer system "Feynmann II" is meant to answer this question. But anti-technologists and hostile agents do everything within their power to sabotage the success of "Feynmann II" and the scientific elite. There are strange events, mysterious deaths and a terrorist attack. John Brandon himself also faces mortal danger ... A fiction novel with a breath-taking plot about the infinite possibilities that are still in our future.

JOHANNES FREIHERR VON BUTTLAR-BRANDENFELS studied psychology and philosophy, astronomy, physics and mathematics and is among the most successful and most read current non-fiction authors. More than 30 books in 30 languages have been sold throughout the world.

The bestselling non-fiction author in Germany

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The New Virtue Terror
Concerning the limits of freedom of opinion in Germany

Thilo Sarrazin
January 2021

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Germany Is Abolishing Itself
How we are putting our country on the line

Thilo Sarrazin
February 2021

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Thilo Sarrazin is counted among the most prominent politicians in Germany. His work "Deutschland schafft sich ab" (2010) quickly became a huge bestseller that sparked social debates. All his following books also topped the German bestseller lists. As a specialized economist and politician Sarrazin was responsible for conceptualizing and implementing the monetary union in Germany. After his political career he worked as financial senator in Berlin and as board member at the German Central Bank.

- ▶ **Thilo Sarrazin's 3rd bestseller with more than 250,000 copies sold – in a new edition with an updated preface**
- ▶ **Highly controversial debate**
- ▶ **An important contribution to freedom of opinion**

Who decides what can be said – and what must be kept silent? Freedom of opinion is guaranteed by the constitution here. But what does this look like in daily life? There, we keep encountering prohibitions against thought and speech and rather quickly reach the limits of what can be said. Thilo Sarrazin analyzes the raging conformity of opinion and states: Whoever speaks about things and makes connections that don't fit into the then-dominant world view is often marginalised as provocateur or someone fouling their own nest.

- ▶ **With more than 1.5 million copies, the top-selling German non-fiction book since World War II**
- ▶ **New edition with updated preface**
- ▶ **Now just as current as when it was first published**

Thilo Sarrazin analyzes the most urgent problems in Germany and shows which paths could lead out of the crisis of the welfare state. He describes the dramatic demographic shifts during the last few decades; warns against a welfare state that does not offer any incentives for leading a self-sufficient life, grapples with the problem of migration and describes how German education policy makes the situation worse rather than solving it. In his book, Thilo Sarrazin again triggers an important debate on the burning social questions of our times.

Also by Sarrazin:



The State at its Limits
€ 22.-
978-3-7844-3572-5

A provocative snapshot of German politics

We Are the Ones to Shape the Future!
Why political reason is the order of the day

Klaus-Rüdiger Mai
April 2021

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DR. KLAUS-RÜDIGER MAI, writer and publisher, pens historical non-fiction books, biographies and essays, as well as historical novels and thrillers. His speciality is European history.

- ▶ **Settling with the era of chancellor Merkel**
- ▶ **Thought-provoking impulses for a society that shapes the future**

Germany at the start of the 21st century's third decade: where are we at? Is our society in a state of dissolution? Historian and publisher Klaus-Rüdiger Mai offers a provocative snapshot.

He meticulously investigates relevant fields, such as history, culture, politics, economics, education, defense, internal security or migration, in view of their state, but especially with regard to their development potential. His analysis does not end in pessimism, but offers inspiring thought-provoking impulses for what a society that shapes the future might look like.

Is the big crash coming?



Freedom or Ruin: Why Germany Is Now at the Brink of Decision

Markus Krall
October 2020

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DR. MARKUS KRALL studied political economy and can look back on more than 30 years experience in the financial sector as well as being a consultant and manager for insurance companies. He has already published two bestsellers, "The Draghi-Crash" and "Black Swans and their Offspring", and writes regularly about financing and currency topics.

- ▶ **Urgent appeal to defend our freedom**
- ▶ **Unsparring analysis of the control-mania and paternalism of politics**
- ▶ **Solution from one of the most important economic experts in Germany**

Markus Krall already proposed the major political, social and economic crisis in his earlier work and warned then that our civil liberties are being eroded. Now we are all experiencing this loss of freedom in the Corona crisis up close. But for him, what is happening here, independent of the virus, is only the logical extension of a political trend that tries to solve all problems of the world through planning, control-obsessed and bureaucratic methods.

Politics, using printed money, has zombified the real economy and undermined the financial economy. Corona as an excuse to explain the coming collapse is therefore convenient for it and accustoms us to having our personal freedom limited. For Markus Krall, the deeper root of this development is a fundamental dispute between market and plan, between rights and tyranny.

He is sure: We are now entering the enormous dispute between freedom and ruin.

Reinventing biology

The Prehistoric Code

Our daily bread without genetic engineering

Luc Bürgin
March 2021

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256 pages, softcover with flaps,
10 b/w-photos
12,5 x 20,5 cm
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LUC BÜRGIN is among the most successful journalists in the German-speaking area. His long-term seller "Secret File Archaeology" alone has been translated into several languages. Most recently, Bürgin has worked as editor in chief of a Swiss daily newspaper. In recognition of his research and many non-fiction books, he received the Exopsychology Award of the Dr.-A.-Hedri-Stiftung [Dr. A. Hedri Foundation] at Berne University in 2000.

- ▶ **New edition of the long-term seller at the current state of research**
- ▶ **A discovery revolutionizes the farming world**

The world's food problems can be solved – without genetic engineering. Luc Bürgin's bestseller on the sensational discovery by pharmaceutical company Ciba-Geigy – now in a completely revised new edition – is nowadays riskier than ever. During laboratory experiments there, researchers subjected grains and fish eggs to a high voltage electrostatic field. The result was path-breaking: not only growth and yield could be massively increased in this way, but very surprisingly, prehistoric forms that have long been extinct in nature also thrived. Is this the agriculture of the future?

On a digitally linked world



School: Can It Be a Bit More?

New solutions for all school types

Isabell Liegl
April 2021

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12,5 x 21,5 cm
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- ▶ **Don't fear parents – systematic encouragement of talented youth instead of egalitarianism**
- ▶ **Current debate book from the view of affected parents**

Isabelle Liegl, involved mother of two sons, views the topic school not only from the German perspective, but also focuses on the international view, just as much as focusing on specific differences here. She lists specific problems with our school system and counters them with her solution-oriented and holistic approach. Liegl emphasizes that school is more than knowledge transfer. Her ideal from the view of parents: an innovative school with vision that imparts creativity and language skills, counts on digitalization, encourages strength as well as self-discipline and sees itself as a living environment in which cultural skills, social activity and sports are prioritised.

DR. ISABELLE LIEGL is a Doctor of Business Administration, and founder and managing director of "La douce France interior Design". Since her two sons' studies in the US, she supports other parents and students during the application process for American universities. In addition, she sees it as her task to critically question our educational system and to provide suggestions for a positive and value-oriented upbringing and the best possible courses of education.

Plain language on climate

Undesired Truths

Things You Should Know About Climate Change

Fritz Vahrenholt,
Sebastian Lüning

September 2020

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248 pages, 50 colour photos
20 b/w-illustrations
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Prof. Dr. Fritz Vahrenholt is a politician, manager, scientist and author. He served as Senator for the Environment in Hamburg and later worked as an executive for companies in the renewable energy sector.

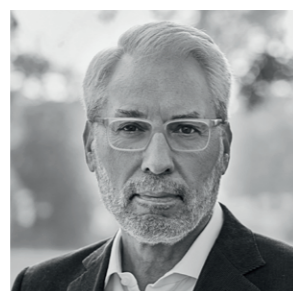
Dr. habil. Sebastian Lüning studied geology and palaeontology and has been working in the conventional energy industry since 2007. His interest in climate change is strictly private, his research is independent and has been neither commissioned nor supported by the industry.

In 2012, the authors published the book "The Cold Sun" in which they advocated for greater consideration of natural climate drivers.

► **The most important facts about the current climate debate**

► **What's really going on with global warming?**

It's never been as warm as it is today – is this true? Have recent temperature changes really been caused by humans alone? And what's the impact of fluctuations in solar activity? Questions that stand symbolically for the 50 subject areas the authors discuss in this book. They put natural disasters of the last 150 years into the context of thousands of years of climate history, showing that the simplified media narrative doesn't do justice to the complex interrelations and leads to fear and uncertainty. A courageous polemic against an overheated climate debate and knee-jerk action on climate policy.



On a digitally linked world



Intelligence for the Future

Our Lives and the Corona Effect

Daniel Dettling

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► **Revised and complemented concerning the Corona pandemic**

► **Realistic evaluations and orientations for mastering a shutdown**

► **A plea for a brave and hopeful view of our future**

The 2020 Corona pandemic has changed our views of the economy, our society and politics and is part of a radical change that has already begun. Renown trend researcher Dettling is making an argument for facing the future with intelligence. Because our future will be shaped by our decisions today. This applies to digital revolution as well as to demographic change and the fate of democracy equally. What we need is more resilience for working environments and the economic world, for the healthcare sector, environmental politics and for democracy. And the essential question is: What can we do to steel ourselves for the future to come? Daniel Dettling provides intelligent answers and concrete suggestions for doing so successfully.



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Daniel Dettling is one of Germany's most prominent thinkers. As lawyer and political scientist Dettling heads a influential think tank and future research institute. He also writes for several newspapers and is a well-received guest in talk shows and on radio.

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