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Jean-Henri Fabre (1823–1915) was a French teacher, scientist and researcher. At a time when insects were not among the preferred biological objects of study (and if they were, it was only for them to be collected, pinned and identified), Fabre began to conduct behavioural research on insects. This was not appreciated until very late in his life, so Fabre and his family were largely destitute most of the time. Stephan Krall provides a very personal account of this extraordinary and passionate researcher of insects, spiders and scorpions, who managed to publish scientific documents, complete his doctorate and write books on the side. Today he is considered as one of the founding fathers of the behavioural biology of insects.

### SCIENCE



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**Stephan Krall** is a biologist who focuses on zoology/entomology. He worked for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) from 1981 until 2019. His regional focus is Africa. He is a Member of the Board of Directors of the World Vegetable Center, Taiwan and of the Advisory Board of the Natural Conservation Academy of the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) on the island of Vilm, and from 2005 to 2008 he was a Member of the Board of Directors of the Scientific and Medical Network (SMN).

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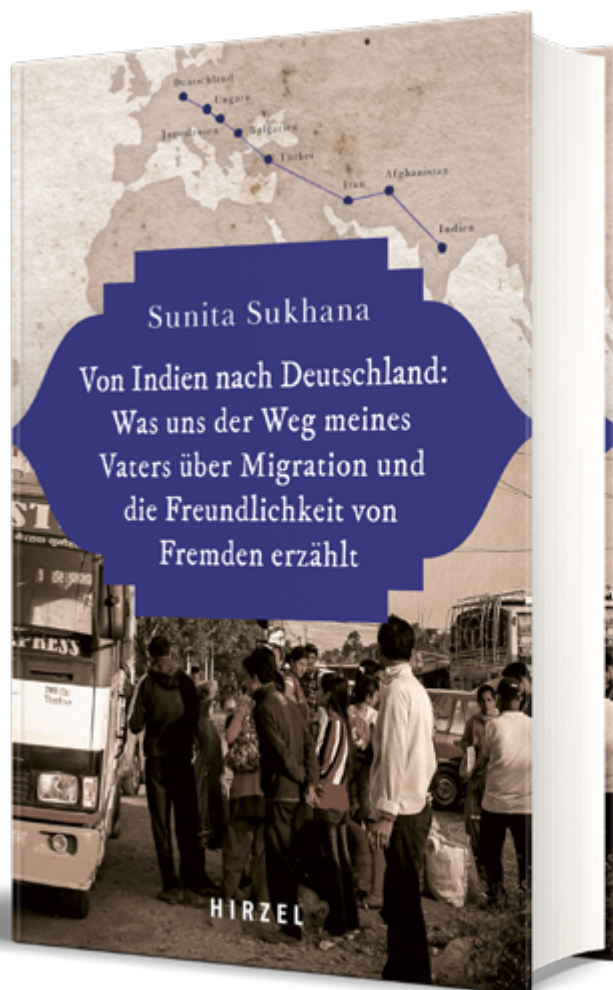


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**Joël Luc Cachelin** is a Swiss futurist. In 2009 he founded the Wissensfabrik to inspire, research for and advise companies on future issues. His work is based on a degree in economics and a doctorate from the University of St. Gallen. In 2022, he completed his second degree with a master's in history from the University of Lucerne. His time travels span the years from 1850 to 2050. While much of the 2010s revolved around digitalisation, today he is increasingly concerned with innovation and sustainability.

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He was the son of the Sikh priest, a successful 400-meter runner and, eventually, a migrant. In 1979, Bagicha Singh turned his back on his homeland and set off with a head full of dreams on the long, turbulent overland journey from India to Germany. It was the year the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan and the Islamic Revolution raged in Iran. A year whose aftermath continues to shape the world to this day. More than 40 years later, his daughter tells the story of Bagicha's adventurous journey. The result is a touching document on origin, contemporary history, and the meaning of migration.

## CONTEMPORARY HISTORY



**Sunita Sukhana** grew up with her Indian father and German mother in the nineties. She studied political science and German literature in Passau and Tübingen. She published journalistic articles in the Frankfurter Rundschau, Journal Frankfurt and the Schwäbisches Tagblatt, among others, before finding her professional home in the publishing industry.

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**Prof. Dr. Roland Sedivy** studied and qualified as a lecturer at the Medical University of Vienna, and graduated in medical law. He has worked as a pathologist at various locations in Austria and Switzerland, including as Chief Physician and Deputy Medical Director. Today he works at a pathology institute in Vienna and holds a chair at the Sigmund Freud University, also in Vienna.

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**Bernd Villhauer**, born in Karlsruhe in 1966, studied philosophy, classics and history of art in Freiburg, Jena and Hull (UK) after training as an industrial management assistant. After completing his doctorate, he held various leading positions in the publishing and media sector. Since 2015 he has been Managing Director of the renowned Global Ethic Institute (Weltethos-Institut) in Tübingen, and is also a founder in the field of sustainable finance. In 2022 he published "Finanzmarkt und Ethik" ("The Financial market and Ethics"), and is the author of the blog "Finanz und Eleganz" ("Finance and Elegance").

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In a world that is characterised by the idea of achievement, laziness is considered a mortal sin. This has a long tradition. "If anyone will not work, let him not eat," wrote Paul the Apostle. So laziness, we are led to believe, is considered punishable by death in the Bible. But there is more to laziness than the mortal sin of inertia. It also includes idleness and contemplation, which no one finds reprehensible. Laziness can even be sexy. Its most charming variant is nonchalance: nothing upsets me; I take things as they come. A very readable essay about the need for idleness in our stressful times.



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**Björn Staschen** is a media scientist and journalist. He is the host of the technology briefing "TechTalk24" on Tagesschau24, and has worked as a foreign correspondent and a reporter. He regularly publishes podcasts and video blogs on the subject. For years, he has been actively involved in the debate on alternative platforms and the organisation of our media system.

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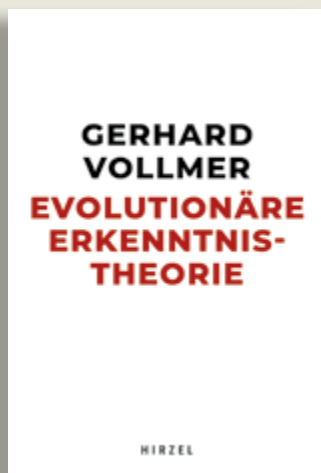
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We moderns were the inhabitants of an age of impetuous forward movement and voracious discontent. Our main virtue was to increase our reach. Increasing our having and accelerating our being were the signposts towards the future. We just could not get enough. Using the blinkers of ignorance and self-anaesthesia, however, we managed to forget the tremendous costs incurred by this intoxication. Now disillusionment has set in. We look to the future with anxiety. We know that we have long since crossed a line and that a revision of our lifestyle is imminent. We have a bad feeling, and doubts about progress often give way to anger and rebellion. Which stocks of the modern narrative should we defend; which would we do better to let go? How will we even "be able to stop"? The path to a different society needs an attractive goal, because without the prospect of a different, better life, we will not move forward. We should start practising immediately. There is no time to lose.

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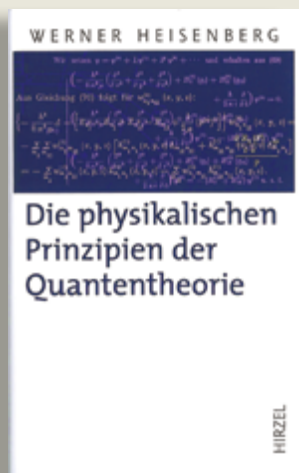
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In "When The Giraffe Still Had Admirers" we get to know Claude Bernard and Louis Pasteur, Antoine Laurent de Lavoisier and Étienne Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire. Lichtwarck-Aschoff takes their lives and discoveries – often resulting from serendipity – as the starting point for his stories. The enthralling read makes literature so eloquent, full of wit and powerful that this author is no longer just an insider tip.



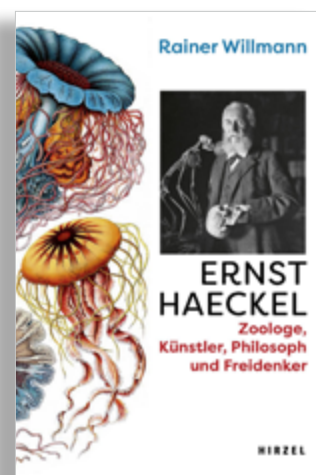
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There he stands, the man the whole of Spain cheered, before whom the most catholic regents Isabella and Ferdinand rose to their feet, his eyes on his ship Capitana, devoured by shipworm, stranded off Jamaica. Some of the crew mutiny, the locals can no longer be fobbed off with glass beads, the Spanish on the nearby island of Hispaniola do not help, the world doesn't want anything to do with him, the demanding whinger. He, Christopher Columbus, is a John Lackland, a king without land, a conqueror without conquest. Between fiction and historical truth, Wolfgang Wissler recounts the legendary sailor's last expedition in an entirely new way – and what a story it is!

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Summer 1940. Nazi Germany annexes Alsace, but not without resistance: in the Catholic parish of St. Jean, very close to the Great Synagogue, six French Girl Guides opened an underground border crossing for opponents of the regime, Jews, Communists and the military. They explored and found secret routes across the Vosges to the west, and south to Switzerland. By the time the Gestapo picked them up in 1942, they had brought around 500 people to safety. Freisler tried them in 1943 and sentenced six of them to death by guillotine. Pope Pius XII demanded that the women be spared. And Hitler did indeed pardon them – with the proviso that they were not allowed to know. They all survived.

Corinna von Bassewitz

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For a long time, Corinna von Bassewitz believed her father was a soldier, later on that he was a diplomat. Then, at the age of 16, she learnt something unbelievable: he had been a secret agent for the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND, Germany's Federal Intelligence Service). Once the secret had been at least partly uncovered, she became something of a spy herself and eventually found some confidential documents in her parents' attic. Later, she realised that her father had been living as a double agent for the FRG and the GDR. So what effect does it have on a girl if her father conceals his true identity and eventually disappears without trace? Along with her family history, the author provides multi-layered and exciting insights into the historical context of the Cold War. A very personal book, intriguingly told and emotionally touching.

Rainer Willmann

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Ernst Haeckel (1834–1919) is one of the most famous and influential researchers of all times. This brilliant biography by Rainer Willmann recounts Haeckel's fascinating life for science and his fight for freedom of thought. Haeckel is a vehement advocate of Darwinian doctrine and develops it further, which is why he is fiercely attacked not only by the church but also by his fellow scientists. Among other things, we owe to Haeckel the freedom of research and teaching that we take so much for granted. That he was also a talented artist is proven by his drawings of marine organisms ... The gripping and highly interesting life story of an extraordinary freethinker and scientist.



IN GERMAN

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Every year, droughts in African countries cause hundreds of thousands of deaths and much suffering. Europe also experienced drought in 2022's summer of record temperatures. Without water, there can be no life. More and more people are suffering from water shortages. Climate change is fuelling the distribution battles for water; violent conflicts over this precious resource are the order of the day. Whether the protests in Iraq, the war in Syria, in the Himalayas, the Nile conflict and in many other places, water is already a reason for war and is being misused as a political instrument of power. The construction of huge dams, the targeted closure of locks, river diversions, water and land grabbing bring wars over the "blue gold" with them. In a unique overview, journalist Jürgen Rahmig describes the struggle for water in the 21st century.



IN GERMAN

Jean-Pierre Wils  
**Why We Need Comfort**  
*On the trail of a human need*  
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"Comfort" is one of those words that has a somewhat tarnished reputation: cold comfort, false comfort, consolation prize, someone is not to be comforted ... "Action instead of comfort" is the maxim; "therapy instead of resignation" the variant. There is something old-fashioned about comfort. And still we long for it; people have always looked for "sources of comfort". In the midst of the climate and global political upheavals of our time, in the middle of a Ukraine war, a play recently celebrated at the Salzburg Festival is called, "Crazy for Consolation". People seek comfort because just helping is no longer helping; they are at the end of their abilities. "Comfort" would appear to be a gift in both senses of the word. But "comfort" is a mystery. Jean-Pierre Wils attempts to solve it in this essay.



IN GERMAN

Otto A. Böhrer  
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This truly brilliant book tells of the sometimes sublime, sometimes exhilarating efforts of philosophers to maintain their attitude in everyday life without forgetting the meaning of their own words – and how they ultimately failed to do so. The minor, sometimes bizarre events in the lives of the great philosophers fit so aptly in the picture of the respective philosophy that one has to assume they could have been conceived to keep the associated intellectual giant in a strange and memorable mood. A book of cheerful science, full of wit, narrative and linguistic eloquence.



IN GERMAN

Elisabeth Zoll (ed.)  
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*Why women won't be driven out of the Catholic Church*  
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Can the Catholic Church still be saved? There have been huge numbers of resignations; the reasons for them are well known. And yet! Committed Catholics from the worlds of politics, business, culture and society oppose this. They share how, despite their disappointments, even their anger, they are still able to find their way in the Church, walking tall and with inner freedom. These are encouraging examples of decidedly critical women who assert themselves – and who are not going anywhere: "Now, more than ever before, we need women – and men – who are prepared to confess their faith with confidence." Not out of nostalgia or any diffuse incense feelings, but out of conviction, because their faith means a lot to them.



IN GERMAN

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Men are often unwilling to seek medical advice when they have problems. However, a lot of diseases can only be treated if they are detected in time. This book contains comprehensible and entertaining information on all the important questions relating to men's health, from the erection and its disorders, fertility and prostate issues, to sexuality in old age. The author knows what matters to men: he speaks from his experience as a urologist.



IN GERMAN

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Modern information technologies can and should contribute to improving the quality and transparency of medical care and making healthcare more economical – and all for the benefit and well-being of patients. Well, that would be the noble approach. All the talk about health insurance cards, telematics infrastructure and electronic patient files stirs up emotions. Peter Schaar, long-standing Federal Data Protection Commissioner, brings light to the dark data and health thicket. Why are innovations in the healthcare sector met with great scepticism by many stakeholders? How can we speed up the development and implementation of meaningful IT-supported solutions? What role does the narrow, small-scale regulatory framework play – not only, but also in data protection?



IN GERMAN

Klaus Ferdinand Gärditz  
**Purveyors to the Court**  
*How politics makes use of science and breaks down because of it*  
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Today, political decision-making processes are closely intertwined with processes of scientific knowledge generation. The natural sciences play a central role in politics. This became particularly clear during the corona pandemic and in the regular press conferences in which politicians largely narrowed their course to scientific findings. The consequence of this maxim is that the rationalisation of politics is accompanied by a politicisation of science. Science is exploited, and sometimes allows itself to be exploited. In his equally brilliant and sharp analysis, Klaus Ferdinand Gärditz explains the consequences of this development for the democratic process in particular.



IN GERMAN

Otfried Höffe  
**Is God Democratic?**  
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 E-Book: epub. € 21.90 [D]  
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How much religion can the secular state tolerate? And how much democracy can religion tolerate? Encounters between politics and religion carry a high potential for conflict. How can we handle this? The internationally renowned ethicist and philosopher Otfried Höffe explores these questions in depth in his essay, referring to ideas from antiquity to modernity as he does so. His knowledgeable and fascinating remarks are more relevant than ever in a time in which more and more political conflicts around the world are religiously charged.





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Edzard Reuter  
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Edzard Reuter is a European by conviction, and a fighter for an economy that is also geared to the well-being of employees, the environment and society. In his book, he looks back at the 90 years of his life as a politically and socially committed person. The expert in and observer of world politics and the world economy shows how the world has changed and what role the Middle East, Russia, the USA and China play in this. For Reuter, the path of the European Union is quite clear: it has to become an independent state structure. The war in Ukraine testifies to the urgency of a paradigm shift in Europe.



IN GERMAN

Jörg Scheller  
**(Un)check Your Privilege**  
*How the debate about privileges prevents justice*  
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There is a great deal of talk about privileges. At the head of the privileged in this narrative is the 'white man'. Today, the word 'privilege' is used as a term for advantages and favours. Jörg Scheller is clear: "Anyone who fights ideology in an ideological way is not doing himself any favours, and instead is doing his opponent a tremendous one." In his essay, Scheller returns the concept of privilege to its historicity, distinguishing between prerogatives and advantages. What exactly are privileges? When does the attribution 'privileged' make sense, and in which cases can it obscure our view of reality?



IN GERMAN

Johannes Schweikle, Oliver Lück  
**What Does the Ball Think?**  
*Why football is not just kicking*  
 2022. 148 pages  
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A football is a moody thing, and the art of mastering it a highly challenging concern. Whether fan or philosopher, football is a fascination, and its various facets are revealed in this anthology with memorable, intelligent and curious contributions. How and with what (human rights-violating) methods did Qatar prepare for the World Cup? Actress Christiane Paul explains why she supports FC Bayern. Herman van Veen explains the difference between Dutch and German football fans, and the report 'Five balls for Angola' takes readers on a journey to football in Africa. A book for dedicated fans and critical football observers.



IN GERMAN

Peter Cremer-Schaeffer  
**Cannabis**  
*What we know, what we need to know*  
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For the current German government coalition the legalisation of cannabis is a done deal. Over the course of the legislative period, the possibility is to be created of providing adults with a controlled supply of cannabis for recreational purposes. But regardless of that, the health consequences of cannabis use remain controversial. In his book, the author debates the state of opinion. What findings on cannabis are definite today, and which questions remain unanswered? He also takes stock of the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes, which has been legal for years. Whether about the plant, its effects on body and mind or the legal situation in other countries, anyone who wishes to have a well-considered say on the topic of cannabis needs to read this book.

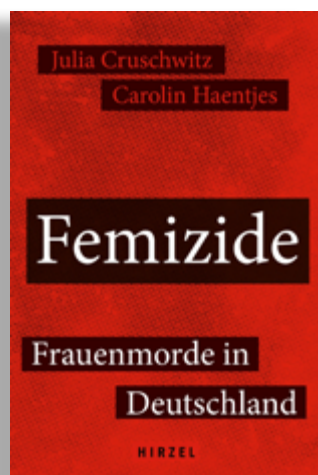




IN GERMAN

Caroline Wenzel  
**From Dream to Trauma:  
 Mental abuse in partnerships**  
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The level of domestic abuse has been increasing for years, but often only cases of physical abuse hit the headlines. Hardly anyone talks about the mental, or psychological, abuse that usually precedes a physical or sexual assault. Those affected do not usually recognise the destructive dynamic in their relationship until far too late. In this book, three case histories illustrate the typical forms of mental abuse in relationships. In addition, experts explain the topic from psychological, therapeutic, political and legal perspectives, and the head of a counselling centre for male victims of mental abuse also has his say. An important and startling book.



IN GERMAN

Julia Cruschwitz, Carolin Haentjes  
**Femizide**  
*Violence against women in Germany*  
 2021. 200 pages  
 Paperback  
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 E-Book: epub. € 16.00 [D]  
 ISBN 978-3-7776-3069-4

In Germany, 132 women were murdered by their (ex-)partners over the past year, according to police statistics. An attempted murder happened every other day – the real figure is in all probability much higher. Julia Cruschwitz and Carolin Haentjes unveil their book on femicides in Germany with research from interviews with academics, criminologists, police officers, social workers, lawyers, survivors, witnesses and relatives and their analysis of scientific reports. Their work highlights how the issue of femicides affects the whole of society, but there are sensible ways to protect women more effectively from male violence. All we must do is take steps to follow these.



IN GERMAN

Karoline M. Preisler  
**Tolerating Democracy!**  
*About arguing in a society of indignation*  
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Are we all still only moving around in our bubbles, unwilling and unprepared to engage in the positions of "the others"? Will only someone be heard who polarises and defames loudly enough, who ignores facts, denies them, twists them, who even calls for violence? The debate over the corona measures has given a new urgency as we address the question of how democracy can be lived and protected in times of an erosion of the centre and social cohesion. Karoline M. Preisler asks herself these questions and, as a passionate democrat, advocates creating new tools and meeting places for the necessary dialogue on controversial topics such as the limits of freedom, religion, climate crisis, immigration and the family.



IN GERMAN

Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, Gunna Wendt  
**Our Democracy in Danger**  
*Hatred and attacks against volunteers, journalists and politicians*  
 2022. 248 pages  
 Paperback  
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We experience in our online world as well as in our 'real lives' an increase in slander and abuse, intimidation, hatred and even physical violence against individuals who are committed to our society. If such attacks discourage people from getting involved, this endangers our democracy that depends on participation. Lawyer Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger and the writer Gunna Wendt interviewed ten committed volunteers about the causes, circumstances and consequences of hatred and violence. These visceral portraits provide a telling insight into the dangers, while showing that we can and must counter the degradation of political rhetoric with composure, respect and tolerance – and with effective measures to protect those at risk.

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IN GERMAN

Matthias Glaubrecht  
**Escapades in Evolution**  
*Of humans, chimps and other capers of nature*  
 2021. 272 pages  
 Paperback  
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Humans are rapidly changing the conditions of evolution, and while many species have not yet been discovered, the extinction of numerous species is becoming more and more dramatic. In this book, Matthias Glaubrecht contrasts the impending "end of evolution", of which the evolutionary biologist writes in his bestseller of the same name, with the beauty, diversity and also the whims of nature. In 36 short chapters, the zoologist presents the animal and the all-too-animal from the curiosity cabinet of evolution, easy to understand and with a good touch of humour – from dinosaurs with four wings to the annual new "Minnelied" hit of the humpback whale to the women's communes of bonobos who use sex as a form of social bonding.



IN GERMAN

Rolf Heilmann  
**The Sky!**  
*Exploring the world above us*  
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We're in heaven when we're in love, admire the stars and Milky Way on crystal-clear nights, and look up to attempt to forecast the weather. We have always been fascinated and shaped by the sky, and even though science may have demythologised it, nonetheless it uses ever-new technology to gaze deeper and farther into the universe and is constantly making new discoveries. Rolf Heilmann picks us up with our everyday experiences and questions about the sky, and takes us along on a fascinating journey through the times – from the worlds of the gods and art, philosophy and technology to the exploration of nearby and distant galaxies and the last secrets of science.



IN GERMAN

Jenny von Sperber  
**Fritz, the Gorilla**  
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When Jenny von Sperber first met Fritz, the gorilla was already over 50 years old, but he was still extremely charismatic. The journalist wants to find out everything about Fritz's life. Captured in the wild, he came from Cameroon to Germany in 1966. At that time, apes were still regarded as a curiosity in zoos. This fascinating gorilla-family saga not only recounts the eventful life of Fritz, but also shows the development in European zoos in handling wild animals. Nowadays, things have certainly improved. But there are still questions, for example, what does it do to us when we marvel at our closest relatives behind glass? And is it even still current to confine apes ... was it ever?



IN GERMAN

Ernst Peter Fischer  
**On the Amazement of the World**  
*(Im-)Possibilities of science*  
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The current debate on the corona virus shows that knowledge, and with that science, plays a central role in the struggle to preserve humanity. Knowledge provides opportunities to influence the world, for better or worse. In times when emotions and appeals to base instincts often triumph over reason and humanity, Ernst Peter Fischer reminds us of the goal of science that has been pursued since the Enlightenment: "to facilitate the conditions of human existence". In his new book, the bestselling author takes us on an instructive, varied and enjoyable journey through the history of knowledge and science.

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IN GERMAN

Christoph Brumme  
**In the Shadow of War**  
*Diary notes from Ukraine*  
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"What can you learn in war? Do you become numb, do you get used to it at some point? Does war make you "hard", uncaring, above pain? No. These are just clichés. Every day brings new horrors. At best, one learns for some time to suppress strong feelings, because to give in to them would weaken one's life instinct." In a very stirring and shocking, but sometimes humorous language, Christoph Brumme tells of the situation in Ukraine, the everyday life of his family and friends, of fears, longings and political assessments. The diary entries of the war and the resistance of the Ukrainians, starting from the first signs of the impending war in mid-January 2022 until the printing of this book, 1st May 2022, impressively bear witness to the brutality of these events.

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IN GERMAN

Wilfried Bommert, Christina Sartori  
**Silent Killers**  
*How big food risks our health*  
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The most powerful drug cartel of the 21st century sells pizzas, chocolate bars and mixed sweets. The promise: a quick and happy snack at low cost. The truth: this "food" isn't nutritious, but is addictive and fattening, while bringing bumper profits for the investors. "Big Food" is becoming more powerful, but the costs due to the consequences of obesity now risk overwhelming global healthcare services. Obesity ranks as cause of death before smoking or high blood pressure. A direct analysis of a man-made epidemic that is dominated by a few large companies and kept going by multiple profiteers. Their motto: "Teach the world to snack."



IN GERMAN

Udo Schneider, Markus Zedler, Hinderk Emrich  
**What Colour is Monday?**  
*Synaesthesia: living with connected senses*  
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Blue wine or colour-matched letters, compass points seen in colour, or listening to music that is also an experience of forms and structures. Anyone with these kind of perceptions lives among the synaesthetes. This phenomenon was long overlooked by science. Nowadays, things are different. This book presents not only modern neuroscience's standpoint on the puzzle of synaesthesia; it also ventures into philosophical peripheral areas. What does life look like for a synaesthete, and how does our perception work anyway?



IN GERMAN

Hermann Bausinger  
**On Narrative**  
*Poetry of everyday*  
 2022. 206 pages  
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Narrating is an art that is gifted to everyone. Narrative, for Hermann Bausinger, begins from the moment we wait together for the bus. When we complain of it being late again and the stories that emerge about travel by bus. The well-known cultural academic was also luckily a gifted narrator. His book is an extremely vivid and descriptive account of the multiple varieties of narrative. He takes us into the rich world of storytelling of fairy tales and fables, invoking the wit of language, focusing on narrative theory and the special significance of narrative in the online age. Full of variety and wonderful examples, Bausinger lets the narrative, and the stories shine. Because for him storytelling, our relationship with language, is what defines us as human beings.



IN GERMAN

Joachim Wagner  
**Right-Wing Judges in Germany**  
*AfD judges, prosecutors and jurors:  
 a danger to democracy?*  
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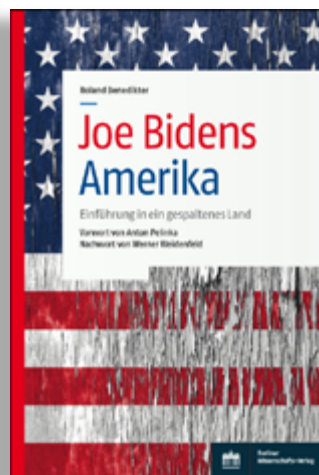
Ever since the right-wing party "Alternative for Germany" (AfD) secured representation in the Bundestag and in all state parliaments, Germany's judiciary is facing a new challenge for which it is unprepared: AfD-affiliated judges and public prosecutors are attracting attention through right-wing biased decisions and investigations. Both the judiciary and policy-makers have so far underestimated the new danger from the right. As a result protection against the appointment of right-wing legal professionals has been insufficient. Joachim Wagner systematically analyses numerous examples from German courts in recent years. He calls on the democratic judiciary to remember the principles of a well-fortified democracy.



IN GERMAN

Bernd Henningsen  
**The World of the North**  
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Our image of Northern Europe has been shaped by projections and desires in the long history of encounters: berserkers and war atrocities, bad weather, beautiful nature, stable political systems, social welfare, equality and prosperity, peacefulness, low corruption, hygge and Bullerby – all this is part of the Nordic narrative. But what about the religious, linguistic and ethnic homogeneity, what about the much-vaunted Nordic cooperation? How do politics "work" in the North? Why are Northern Europeans the happiest people?



IN GERMAN

Roland Benedikter  
**Joe Biden's America**  
*Introduction to a divided country*  
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Joe Biden's America is deeply divided. Donald Trump's term in office made many problems of modern US society visible, which Biden now has to solve. What do American politics look like under Joe Biden? What legacy did Donald Trump leave behind, and what kind of impact does it have? How can the deeper causes, factors and drivers of current US developments be put in a historical context? Roland Benedikter provides a thorough insight into a complex country. In a compact and comprehensible way, he explains the background, challenges and perspectives of the Biden era, while also providing an overview of the current state of US society and culture in general. His analysis is suitable for teaching, decision-makers and civil society as an introduction to today's USA.



IN GERMAN

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The years between 2013 and 2019 were almost as significant for Ukraine as the attainment of independence in 1991, as this very independence was in danger of being lost again after the Euromaidan. The nationwide popular uprising against the regime of President Yanukovich had led to a change of power: resulting in a loss of influence for Russia. The resulting "Ukraine conflict", is in fact a Russian war of attrition against Ukraine. Winfried Schneider-Deters, a renowned expert on Ukraine, analyses narratively and in detail the events from 2013 to 2019 and places the Russian-Ukrainian conflict in the context of the dawning "Chinese century".





IN GERMAN

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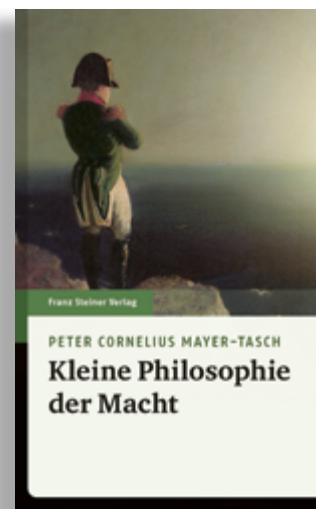
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