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PHILOSOPHY



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Jean-Pierre Wils is regarded as one of the most influential philosophers in the German-speaking world. He studied philosophy and theology in Leuven and Tübingen and teaches philosophical ethics and cultural philosophy at Radboud University in Nijmegen (Netherlands). He was the long-standing co-editor of the journal "Ethik und Unterricht" (Ethics and Education) and since 2021 edits with Hirzel Verlag "Scheidewege. Schriften für Skepsis und Kritik" (Crossroads. Texts for Scepticism and Critique). Jean-Pierre Wils is a member of the German PEN Centre. His book "Sich den Tod geben. Suizid als letzte Emanzipation?" (Facing Death. Suicide as Final Emancipation?) was released with Hirzel Verlag in 2020.

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ECOLOGY



Best-selling author **Franz Alt** received numerous awards as a renowned television journalist and for his environmental campaign work. His books have been translated into 23 languages and run into millions of copies.



Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker is a physicist and biologist. The renowned environmental scientist and politician was co-president of the Club of Rome, co-chair of the International Resource Panel and director of the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy.

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PSYCHOLOGY



Barbara Streidl is a journalist, writer and musician. She works for the broadcaster Bayerischer Rundfunk and for the publisher Süddeutscher Verlag.

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PSYCHOLOGY



Johanna Kuroczik studied medicine in Leipzig and was an assistant doctor in a psychiatric clinic in Berlin. After spending time in India, Australia and Jordan, she gained work experience with renowned newspapers. Since 2019 she works as an editor for the science section of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*.

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APES



Jenny von Sperber is a freelance science journalist for radio and television and was awarded the Heureka Prize for science journalism. She contributes to Bayerisches Fernsehen, arte, 3sat as well as Bayern 2 and Deutschlandfunk radio. Jenny von Sperber lives in Munich.

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FOREST



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Bastian Kaiser grew up in rural southwestern Germany. The professor at the University of Applied Forest Sciences Rottenburg (HFR) has also acted as HRF-Rector since 2001. The university is committed to the development of future-oriented solutions for forestry. Kaiser is also a member of the Sustainability Council of Baden-Württemberg, as well as in the Regional Forestry Council and the German Forestry Council.

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Mozart and Hegel, Jean Paul and Edgar Allan Poe: they were all fascinated by Franz Anton Mesmer (1734–1815). The forester's son from Lake Constance was regarded as one of the most controversial doctors of his time. Some celebrated him as a miracle healer for his theory of "Animal Magnetism", while others discredited him as a fraud. Thomas Knubben wonderfully narrates this scintillating life story set in a turbulent time of change. A story of exceptional giftedness and tragedy ... Mesmer left his mark on the epoch: his theory became the original source for concepts in psychoanalysis, hypnosis and psychotherapy.

CULTURAL HISTORY



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Thomas Knubben studied history, German studies and historical and cultural anthropology in Tübingen and Bordeaux and obtained his doctorate in Essen. Since 2003 he is Professor of Cultural Science and Culture Management at the University of Education in Ludwigsburg. His publications make connections between cultural history, culture management, literature and art. Thomas Knubben is a member of the German PEN Centre.

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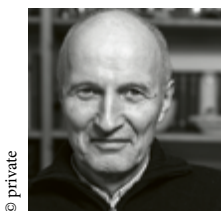
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- Literature meets medical history



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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.

SCIENCE



Michael Lichtwarck-Aschoff studied medicine. He worked as an intensive care doctor in Augsburg, conducted research in Munich, Basel and Uppsala and lectured as Adjunct Professor of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine. After working as a medic, he now writes to examine what medicine – and naturally life – could actually mean. He was awarded the prestigious "Irseer Pegasus" author's prize and the Swabian Literature Prize.

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SCIENCE



Professor Dr Ernst Peter Fischer teaches the history of science at Heidelberg University and is the author of numerous non-fiction books, including the bestseller "Die andere Bildung" (The Other Education).

People gifted with the phenomenon of synaesthesia experience strange realities. One individual reported: 'Whenever I listen to music, I perceive it in colour and spatially.'

Udo Schneider, Markus Zedler,
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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?

NEUROSCIENCE

Hinderk Emrich (1943–2018) was a psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and philosopher. He was head of the Department of Clinical Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the Hanover Medical School. Markus Zedler is research group director for synaesthesia at the Hanover Medical School. Emrich and Zedler were co-researchers with Udo Schneider in a long-term project about synaesthesia.

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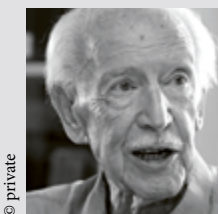
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Narrating is an art that is gifted to everyone. Narrative, for Hermann Bausinger, begins from the moment we wait together for the bus. When we complain of it being late again and the stories that emerge about travel by bus. The well-known cultural 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.

LINGUISTICS



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Hermann Bausinger is regarded as a legend. Born in 1926 in Aalen, Bausinger was for many years director of the Ludwig-Uhland Institute for Historical and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Tübingen. He released numerous books, was the recipient of countless awards and prizes and was a member of many committees and scholarly societies. Bausinger died in November 2021, shortly before the publication of this book.

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NUTRITION

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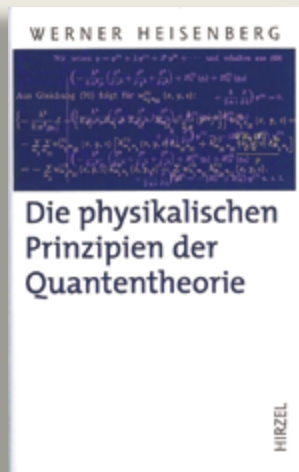


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Mario Bunge, Martin Mahner
On the Nature of Things
Materialism and science
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On today's day and age, scientists, psychologists and sociologists inform us about the nature of things. Does philosophy still play a role any more? It might be able to tell us something about logic, epistemologie, the theorie of science or ethics – but about the “nature of things”? Here, the authors show just what philosophy, in the modern materialism, has to say about it.

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Werner Heisenberg
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In 1929 Heisenberg gave a lecture on “The physical principles of quantum theory” at the University of Chicago. The lecture series is treated in this volume. With its publication, the author hopes to contribute to the dissemination of the Copenhagen spirit of quantum theory.

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In numerous lectures Werner Heisenberg made pioneering discoveries in atomic and quantum physics understandable even for laypersons. Ten of these lectures are collected in this book. In them Heisenberg placed particular value on considering the philosophical aspects of each topic.

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Eckart Voland and Renate Voland
The Evolution of the Conscience
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Like all life forms, humanity was shaped in a long process of selection. As a result, the human conscience has biological origins. But this seems to contradict evolutionary theory, for the conscience reins in a self-centred elbow mentality. Such a “weakness” cannot produce successful individuals – or can it?



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Karoline M. Preisler
Tolerating Democracy!
About arguing in a society of indignation
 2021. 156 pages
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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.

Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, Gunna Wendt
Our Democracy in Danger
Hatred and attacks against volunteers, journalists and politicians
 2022. 248 pages
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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.

Kurt Oesterle
Imagine Being a Jew for One Hour
Stories against anti-Semitism
 2021. 292 pages
 Hardback
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 E-Book: epub. € 19.90 [D]
 ISBN 978-3-7776-3057-1

Hatred of Jews is long-standing, widespread and powerful. After Auschwitz, the lesson used to be: "Never again!" However, anti-Semitic resentment, like an epidemic, still grips the bourgeois middle-class in our society. In his book "A Jew for One Hour", Kurt Oesterle convincingly demonstrates how hatred of Jews functions in aesthetic and emotional terms with no empathy whatsoever. He also shows that for the past 200 years of German literature a line of tradition can be acknowledged "in defence of Jewishness". Kurt Oesterle accounts for this in his book of stories with an impressive depth of knowledge, with a generous heart and mind and incredible commitment. A truly significant book.

Julia Cruschwitz, Carolin Haentjes
Femizide
Violence against women in Germany
 2021. 200 pages
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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.



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Hans Jürgen Böhmer
The Forest of the Future – A New Reality
Understanding the ecosystem
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What happened with forest die-back? The predictions of the 1980s that forests would be in decline across Europe have not come true. Currently, attention again focuses on the doom scenarios of the loss of entire forests and cultural landscapes in an emotional and sometimes hysterical debate. Biogeographer Hans Jürgen Böhmer refers to updated case studies and his 30 years of research experience on global ecosystems to demonstrate extremely complex interrelations of the natural world that various actors monitor in contrasting ways and characterized by different times and ideologies. Böhmer advocates to embed the sustainability debate more strongly in the living environment, rather than relying exclusively on model calculations.



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Jean-Pierre Wils (Ed.)
Crisis and Transformation
 With numerous contributions
 2021. 227 pages
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We live in an age of upheaval and crisis; our existence is at the threshold of a new epoch that leaves nothing as it was before. It became clear that the natural materials of our world in transformation were a finite and exhaustible resource. The ambitious projects of humankind were already beset by doubts and the optimism of something better in store for us in the future became ever more subdued. An era of sceptical thinking dawned. What was only recently celebrated as an achievement is today placed in question: democracy, human rights and the bond of solidarity between the generations. But the art of dialogue must always be preserved. The capacity for critical reflection must be repeatedly practised and the sensitivity of our perception deepened.



IN GERMAN

German Environmental Foundation (Ed.)
The Metropolitan Age
The decisive force in the Anthropocene
 2021. 344 pages
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Three quarters of the world's population live in cities. One in eight people lives in a metropolitan area. Megacities swallow up land, energy and resources – and at the same time are particularly hard hit by the current climate crisis that they fuel. However, in the metropolises of the overcrowded world plenty of committed people have heard the warning signals and establish networks to use the potential of cities to reorganize the participative and social-ecological activity that is urgently needed. The contributions to this Yearbook for Ecology focus on the present and future of cities from wide-ranging viewpoints and highlight perspectives for their creative transformation towards liveable sustainability.



IN GERMAN

Ernst Peter Fischer
On the Amazement of the World
(Im-)Possibilities of science
 2021. 232 pages with 10 illustrations
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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 baser 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.



IN GERMAN

Michael Lichtwarck-Aschoff
Robert Koch's Ape
The great mistake of the famous physician
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During the corona crisis, Robert Koch's name has been on everyone's lips: Robert Koch is regarded as one of the shining lights in German medical history. However, the expedition that he undertakes in 1906 to the "protected area" of German East Africa even the institute named after him describes as the darkest chapter in Koch's history. Lichtwarck-Aschoff's oppressive book tells how the Nobel laureate conducted medical tests on people suffering from the sleeping sickness transmitted by the tsetse fly, and recommended the internment of sick people in camps. The aim was to preserve the labour power of the healthy colonised – even if that were at the cost of the infected suffering damage to their body and soul or even dying.

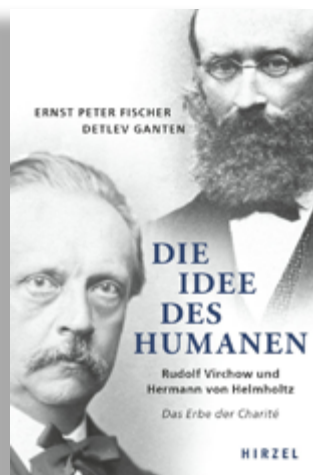


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Wolfgang Wissler
Kolumbus, the Discarded Explorer
Disaster of the legendary sailor
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There he stands, the man the whole of Spain cheered, before whom the most catholic regents Isabella and Ferdinand 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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IN GERMAN

Ernst Peter Fischer, Detlev Ganten
The Humane Idea
Rudolf Virchow and Hermann von Helmholtz. The legacy of the Charité
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Two of today's leading scientists, Ernst Peter Fischer and Detlev Ganten, reconfirm the legacy of two influential 19th-century researchers. To mark the 200th birthday of Rudolf Virchow (1821–1902) and Hermann von Helmholtz (1821–1894), they explain why pioneering research and holistic thinking are still relevant for health science and practice, and for a sustainable balance of people, society and the environment. The historical achievement of Virchow and Helmholtz continues today with the work of researchers like Emmanuelle Charpentier and Christian Drosten, so ensuring that the humane idea continues to be fruitful in the future. An insight into the history of medical science.



IN GERMAN

Ernst Mutschler, Christoph Friedrich
Lighthouses
Successful pharmacologists in the 20th century
 2020. 308 pages, 120 illustrations, 71 graphic formulas, 4 tables
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Antibiotics, insulin, cortisone: countless medicines, which are now lifesavers, were still undiscovered in 1900. Since then, there have been impressive advances in pharmaceutical research. While today research is conducted by university teams and working groups in industry, during the early decades of the 20th century it was primarily individual researchers whose ingenuity led to the development of new agents. An introduction to these 'lighthouses' in the fields of chemistry, biology, pharmacy and medicine, and to their successes.

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Volker Sommer
Among Fellow Primates
Views of a Monkey Researcher
2021. 204 pages, 2 illustrations
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Man brings apocalyptic plagues to the world and his fellow primates – from global warming to the destruction of forests. While millions of monkeys and apes lived on Earth only a few decades ago, today many species are strongly endangered. In this book the anthropologist and monkey researcher Volker Sommer calls on us to finally protect the fundamental rights such as the right to life, freedom and physical integrity of the great apes. For all his seriousness, Sommer is also a great storyteller who deals with his own profession with humour, sympathy and in a highly instructive way.

Matthias Glaubrecht
Escapades in Evolution
Of humans, chimps and other capers of nature
2021. 272 pages
Paperback
€ 18.00 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2909-4
eBook: PDF. € 13.90 [D]
ISBN 978-3-515-12639-7

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.

Rolf Heilmann
The Sky!
Exploring the world above us
2021. 212 pages with 24 illustrations
Paperback
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ISBN 978-3-7776-2939-1

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.

Peter-René Becker
How Animals Hammer, Drill and Strike – Tool Use in the Animal Kingdom
The culture spectrum of man and animal
2020. 232 pages, 15 illustrations
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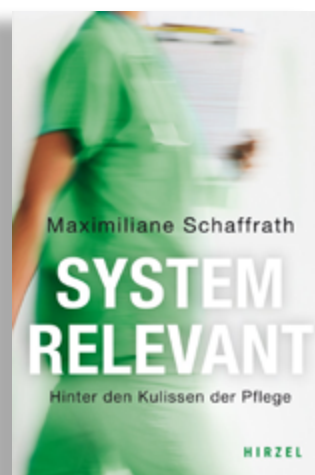
From insects to fish as well as birds and primates: the use of tools is amazingly widespread in the animal kingdom. It’s a misnomer to presume that humans are distinguished by tool use and conscious capacity. So where is culture initiated? The biologist Peter-René Becker has evaluated numerous studies and cites plenty of evidence for the use of the hammer and anvil, lances, bait or sponges.



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Michelle Hildebrandt
The Patient Catchers
How we are talked into illness
 2021. 223 pages
 Paperback
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 ISBN 978-3-7776-2869-1
 eBook: epub. € 13.90 [D]
 ISBN 978-3-7776-2870-7

The health market seems to have been unleashed, more and more actors, indications, methods compete for attention. Dr. Michelle Hildebrandt shows how companies, but also doctors and alternative medicine are “catching” patients out of economic interests – and how we are happy to put up with that. So more and more people are being treated unnecessarily or incorrectly with medicine and therapies, while at the same time rogue providers are propagating sometimes dangerous methods instead of calling for life-saving diagnostics. Knowledge is needed in order for patients to overcome their self-inflicted immaturity. Michelle Hildebrandt’s book makes an important contribution to this.

Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker
 in association with Jeanne Rubner
My Life with Viruses
A researcher’s history of the fascinating world of pathogens
 2021. 192 pages
 Hardback
 € 25.- [D]
 ISBN 978-3-7776-3023-6
 E-Book: epub. € 22.90 [D]
 ISBN 978-3-7776-3063-2

In times of the coronavirus pandemic many people have certainly condemned them, but Professor Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker has dedicated his life to researching them and is intrigued by viruses – even if sometimes he is keenly aware of their fatal effects. To mark his 80th birthday the biochemist describes the co-evolution and co-existence as well as the eternal ‘battle’ between humans and viruses. Winnacker takes up the cause of these ‘biological elements between animate and inanimate nature’ because they play an important role in fundamental research and genetic technology, and without them human beings would not be what they are.

Maximiliane Schaffrath
Systemically Relevant
Behind the scenes of nursing
 2021. 240 pages
 Paperback
 € 18.00 [D]
 ISBN 978-3-7776-2942-1
 eBook: epub. € 13.90 [D]
 ISBN 978-3-7776-2994-0

In 2008, the banks that had been bailed out with billions by the government were considered “systemically relevant”, in the corona pandemic of 2020 it was members of poorly paid professions such as healthcare workers. Reading Maximiliane Schaffrath’s book on the situation regarding healthcare and nursing staff, it seems almost miraculous that Germany had managed to escape a corona disaster for so long. She gives a very personal and gripping account of the stages in her own training – and the unsustainable conditions that are suffered not only by the people who are supposed to care for and look after us, but also by everyone who depends on them.

Monika Niehaus, Andrea Pfuhl
Psycho-Trojans
How parasites control us
 4th enlarged and revised edition
 2021. 256 pages, 30 colour illustrations
 Paperback
 € 22.- € [D]
 ISBN: 978-3-7776-2861-5
 E-Book: epub. € 19.90
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This book offers an intriguing and mysterious journey of discovery into the world of super-parasites. It shows how these organisms manipulate their host using the most incredible methods – often with far-reaching consequences, not only for humans but also for cultural history in general. For instance, the syphilis bacterium shook up Europe’s royal line of succession, initiated the founding of a new church and influenced our modern-day sexual morality.



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Thomas Klie
Right to Dementia
A plea

2021. 176 pages
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ISBN 978-3-7776-2901-8
eBook: epub. € 13.90 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2971-1

People are living longer, and people are developing dementia. But our consumer society, which is optimised for working silently, is helpless in the face of those who have gone mad from its midst. The burden of caring for them is borne largely by their dependants and by carers from Eastern Europe. In his extremely stirring book, Professor Thomas Klie argues that we should include people with dementia as part of our lives and recognise that it is possible to live a happy and fulfilled life even with dementia – under the right conditions. Especially in the light of societal conflicts over income distribution fuelled by the corona pandemic, Klie is convinced that the dominant culture is measured by how it treats the subject of dementia.

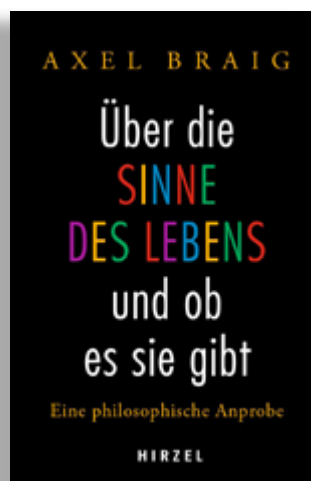


IN GERMAN

Jean-Pierre Wils
Facing Death
Suicide as last emancipation?

2021. 200 pages
Hardcover
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eBook: epub. € 21.90 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2974-2

Assisted suicide has been the subject of much passionate debate in many societies. The philosopher and theologian Jean-Pierre Wils does not deny autonomy, but asks – on the basis of his profound historical and ethical knowledge – about the social consequences. Does the right to assisted suicide not in the long run lead to the obligation to decide for or against it? And does not the pressure towards a supposedly reasonable decision increase, as soon as the causation of one's own death is seen as a final act of self-realisation and emancipation, or even commended as such? Wils makes a strong plea for the debate to be held in a broader context, to remove our finiteness from cultural amnesia – and in doing so, lays the foundation for a contemporary discussion on assisted suicide.



IN GERMAN

Axel Braig
On the Purposes of Life and Whether They Exist
A philosophical fitting

2021. 184 pages
Hardcover
€ 22.00 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2920-9
eBook: epub. € 19.90 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2962-9

The musician, doctor and philosopher Axel Braig considers philosophy a little like the weather: he looks for the right clothes for every situation. Braig is primarily concerned with practical, effective things from the two-and-a-half millennia fund of (Western) thinking, such as helpful approaches in existential crises. In this book, he introduces us to philosophical thinkers from Plato to Montaigne to Levinas and Feyerabend. Braig not only shares his own philosophical biography, but above all encourages us to philosophise ourselves.



IN GERMAN

Heike Leitschuh
Mocked, Battled, Desired
With organic pioneer Ulrich Walter through five decades

2021. 240 pages with numerous b/w illustrations
Hardcover
€ 24.00 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2961-2
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ISBN 978-3-7776-3003-8

The small district town of Diepholz lies between Bremen, Oldenburg and Osnabrück, and no one could possibly describe it as "well-known". Quite unlike the Lebensbaum company, which was founded here by Ulrich Walter in 1979. Those who eat mindfully will probably also be familiar with the coffees, teas and spices of this pioneering organic company, which frequently and repeatedly receives a range of awards for sustainability and now employs around 200 people. Heike Leitschuh draws a lifelike portrait of an entrepreneur of the organic founding generation who turned a small shop into a successful medium-sized company, played a key role in shaping the organic industry, and has offered perspectives for its future.

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Thomas A. Vilgis
Simple Food!

Anti the Food frenzy in our minds
2020. 292 pages, 25 illustrations
Hardcover
€ 26.00 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2845-5
eBook: epub. € 21.90 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2859-2

This book follows a unique path in the ubiquitous food debate: it leads us on the trail of the origins of our food culture, from the Neolithic period to the present day. Thomas A. Vilgis has compiled a guide that combines scientific with cultural or sociological aspects.

Manfred Kriener
No Place for Taste

Food myths and the rapid change in food culture
2020. 238 pages, 2 graphs
Paperback
€ 18.00 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2815-8
eBook: epub. € 13.90 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2856-1

Nutrition is a constant talking point, but often there is a lack of knowledge and judgement. Amidst this confusion of facts, Manfred Kriener clarifies the rapid change of our food culture. He covers the entire range from the vegan trend to insect food, from aquaculture to cultured meat.

Dr. Malte Rubach
The Eco-Balance on the Plate

How what we eat can protect the climate
2020. 248 pages, 14 illustrations
Paperback
€ 18.00 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2876-9
eBook: epub. € 13.90 [D]
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How much CO₂ is emitted by one serving of spaghetti bolognese? About 1.5 kilograms! Dr. Malte Rubach takes a closer look and reviews our food regime and its impact on our climate. We live in a society influenced by technology and the rising consumption of resources. Rubach argues for a sensible attitude to food and shows what we can still eat with a clear conscience.

Jörg and Michael Müller (eds.)
Under 2 Degrees?

The real benefits of the Paris Agreement
2016. 320 pages, 16 illustrations, 1 table
Softcover
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ISBN 978-3-7776-2570-6

In December 2015 the world community committed itself to achieving specific climate goals in the Paris Climate Accord in order to limit global warming to under 2 degrees. But how can this target be reached? What must politicians in particular do so that we can actually meet these goals?



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Sigmund Gottlieb
Stop the Hatred!

A pamphlet against anti-Semitism
2020. 96 pages
Paperback
€ 15.00 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2843-1
eBook: epub. € 11.00 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2871-4

Anti-Semitism is taking hold in a menacing way at the heart of society. Sigmund Gottlieb addresses his wake-up call to the population at large: stand up – not only against right-wing extremist violence and radical Islamism, but also against hatred in the social media, against unfair criticism of the state of Israel, against anti-Jewish abusive language in the school playground, against trivializing reports in the media and day-to-day indifference.

Beate Frenkel
Pills, Healers, Globules

Big deals with alternative medicine
2020. 160 pages
Paperback
€ 18.00 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2849-3
eBook: epub. € 13.90 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2850-9

The market is growing for homeopathic remedies, diets and all kinds of miracle cures. Beate Frenkel investigates: where is the source of this boom? What role do conspiracy theories play as well as the influence of the internet? Why do politicians and the German Medical Association take so few preventive steps? Powerful examples are backed up with statements from doctors, patients and alternative medicine practitioners.

Monika Niehaus, Michael Wink
Turning Men into Pigs and Staying Safe from Such Trickery

A scientific foray into the world of ancient Greek legends
2020. 184 pages, 45 illustrations
Hardcover
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ISBN 978-3-7776-2842-4
eBook: epub. € 19.90 [D]
ISBN 978-3-7776-2905-6

The adventures of Odysseus are not just a classic literary epic but also shine a light on intriguing questions. Phenomena like the Cyclops and magic potions were only understood in recent decades thanks to phytochemical and pharmacological research that enabled new insights into the effect of plant substances. Monika Niehaus and Michael Wink embark on an enjoyable excursion in their book on a scientific foray for knowledge – from ancient myths to medieval drug excesses and the world of comics.

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Karoline Walter
Good Evening, Good Night

The cultural history of sleep
2019. 216 pages, 21 illustrations
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ISBN 978-3-7776-2809-7

What we associate with sleep is shaped by the culture we live in. Whereas the God of the Bible never sleeps, the sinful human falls asleep every night and is thus marked as an inferior being. In the Age of Enlightenment, (too much) sleep was considered a waste of strength. These days, sleep seems to be subject to the same tenets of usefulness as everything else. Karoline Walter uses numerous examples from history, literature and research to illustrate how sleep and sleeping have changed across cultures and eras – an entertaining read, certainly nothing to put you to sleep.

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Bernd Gomeringer et al (eds.)
Birds in the Mind
Life stories from adolescents with mental health issues
 2020. 300 pages
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 eBook: epub. € 19.90 [D]
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Mental health problems in children and adolescents are a taboo subject. But what is it like living with depression, compulsive behaviour, anxiety and panic attacks, or with eating disorders, bulimia or anorexia? Schirm e. V., the friends association for child and adolescent psychiatry in Tübingen (Germany), asked young patients to share their stories. A moving book was created about living with mental health problems, about the day-to-day routine in psychiatric practice and the power of confidence.

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IN GERMAN

Holm Gero Hümmler
Verschwörungsmethoden
How we are deceived by twisted facts
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 223 pages, 23 illustrations, 1 table
 Paperback
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To refute conspiracy theories often requires scientific and technical knowledge. Dr. Holm Gero Hümmler has precisely this sort of knowledge, and he is able to communicate it clearly for laypeople. In his book "Conspiracy Myths" he provides guidelines on how to deal with questionable facts. He gives valuable tips for personal research and shows how to deconstruct well-known conspiracy theories – from 9-11 to the "earthquake machine" HAARP, to chemtrails and "Nazi UFOs".



IN GERMAN

Sebastian Jutzi
When a Virus Defeated Napoleon
How nature makes history
 2019. 236 pages, 27 illustrations
 Paperback
 € 19.80 [D]
 ISBN 978-3-7776-2886-8
 eBook: PDF. € 19.80 [D]
 ISBN 978-3-7776-2808-0

Humans write history, but nature and coincidence often play a significant part in making history. The weather, volcanoes, celestial bodies, pathogens: all of them can influence historical events. Sebastian Jutzi relates all these components in a knowledgeable, entertaining and informative way – a treasure trove for anyone who wants to get to know history from an "unusual" perspective.



IN GERMAN

Dirk Eidemüller
Nuclear Power Explained
From nuclear fission to radioactive waste disposal
 2012. 183 pages, 16 b/w figures, 11 colour figures, 4 tables
 Softcover
 € 19.80 [D]
 ISBN 978-3-7776-2181-4

The current debates about energy policy show how important it is to be able to join in the discussion about such fundamental topics as nuclear energy. Dirk Eidemüller's book is explaining the fundamentals of atomic energy from nuclear fission to radioactive waste disposal in a way that everybody can understand.

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IN GERMAN

Jörg Scheller
Metalmorphosen

*The fantastic mutations
of Heavy Metal*
2020. 284 pages with 15 b/w and
16 colour images
Paperback
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How did heavy metal get started? What's behind the fascination of many bands with the occult? Which women live up the scene? What is the Heavy Metal Knitting World Championship in Finland about? Jörg Scheller invites you to find out more about the mainstream trends as well as less well-known bizarre facts. He credits the genre with "exciting synchronism of freedom and order, rebellion and retreat, scepticism and enthusiasm, toughness and diversity".

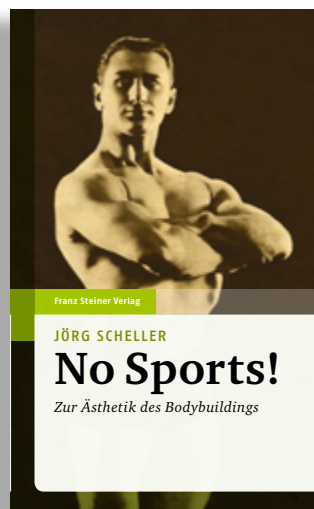


IN GERMAN

Jörg Scheller, Alexander Schwinghammer (eds.)
Anything Grows

*15 essays in the history, aesthetics
and significance of beards*
2016. 315 pages, 83 illustrations
Softcover. € 29.90 [D]
ISBN 978-3-515-11410-3

Haven't you always wanted to know whether your own personal beard style has aristocratic, democratic or even religious origins? Why the 1980s were a beard wasteland, while the 21st century seems to be obsessed with them? In this book, researchers and journalists take a closer look at the many forms, meanings and historical backgrounds of beards in a mixture of playful essays and serious academic studies.



IN GERMAN

Jörg Scheller
No Sports!

The esthetics of bodybuilding
2010. 267 pages, 27 b/w
illustrations
Hardbound with dust cover
€ 19.80 [D]
ISBN 978-3-515-09713-0

Many of us, particularly intellectuals, don't take bodybuilders seriously. A big mistake, says author Jörg Scheller. It would be much more appropriate to see them as sculptors, as post-modern artists pursuing a centuries-old vision: that man can shape himself, even create himself anew. Scheller's book paints a fascinating picture of an unnoticed art form that deserves to be discovered.



IN GERMAN

Frank Uekötter
The German Channel

A mythology from the FRG
2020. 330 pages with
21 b/w photos and
5 b/w illustrations
Hardback with dust jacket
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From Berlin Airport to Stuttgart 21 – public building projects seem to get out of hand with growing frequency. Frank Uekötter follows the example of the Elbe Lateral Canal, which was opened in 1976, to show that institutional failure is not a new phenomenon. Uekötter argues for a social rethink based on the clear chronology of these "organized irresponsibilities".

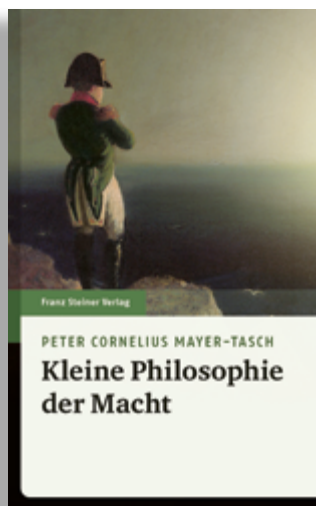
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IN GERMAN

Manfred Vasold
Hunger, Smoking, Vermin
A social history of everyday life in the Modern Era
 2016. 424 pages, 19 figures
 Hardback with dust cover
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 ISBN 978-3-515-11190-4

All history books ever seem to talk about is wars, treaties, battles and diplomacy. The everyday life of ordinary people is usually left out. This is not the case with Manfred Vasold. It is astonishing how looking at apparently insignificant topics such as the wearing of under-wear can say a lot about the everyday history of the so-called little people. Be it mortality, hygiene, or the unpleasant and, for much of history, widespread issue of vermin – much can be deduced from underwear and how wearing habits have changed over time.



IN GERMAN

Peter Cornelius Mayer-Tasch
A Brief Philosophy of Power
 2018. 130 pages, 3 colour and 8 b/w illustrations
 Hardback with dust cover
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 ISBN 978-3-515-12035-7

What is power, actually? How does it arise, how does it work and how does it decline? These are just a few of the timeless questions that Peter Cornelius Mayer-Tasch, philosopher of law, political and cultural scientist, discusses in his book. Knowledgeably and entertainingly narrated, the book offers philosophical-historical background knowledge and frequently surprising excursions into our daily lives.



IN GERMAN

Manfred Vasold
Influenza, Black Death and Cholera
A history of epidemic plagues in Europe
 2nd edition, 2015. 310 pages, 17 b/w- and 2 colour illustrations, 9 b/w tables
 Paperback
 € 24.90 [D]
 ISBN 978-3-515-11025-9
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Spanish flu, bubonic plague and cholera – epidemics have caused harm and death time and again. But how and when do epidemic plagues occur? What determines their progress and ending? Manfred Vasold takes a close look at the history of epidemic plagues in Europe and the diverse aspects of their propagation.



IN GERMAN

Wolfgang König
History of the Throw-Away Society
The drawback of consumption
 2019. 168 pages
 Hardcover with dust jacket
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Sooner or later everything is thrown away. In the consumer society, however, usable and serviceable products that may be as good as new are also thrown away. Such behaviour is the result of a long-term process that has developed over a period of one-and-a-half centuries. Wolfgang König shows how business and consumers have together made throwing things away perfectly normal – and discusses how the throw-away society may be overcome.

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