WooW Books was founded in September 2016 and publishes books for children from 8 to 11 years of age, ranging from timeless classics to modern adventures and unconventional stories. In autumn 2018, we are proud to present NIKI & FLO, an exciting girl detective story with comic style illustrations and THE MIRACLE BOX, which takes place in one of the best places a child can be in: a toy shop. Finally, another gripping tale about the THREE MUSKETEERS WITH THE GOLDEN L is told, once more encompassed by beautifully coloured illustrations.

At Atrium Verlag – the publishing house that was intentionally established for Erich Kästner in 1935 – we are excited to release Erich Kästner’s children’s books with new cover designs. Moreover, we even present special editions of two titles: THE 35th OF MAY is published with the original illustrations by Walter Trier for the first time in decades again – this time colorized by illustrator Martina Liebig. THE LITTLE MAN gets a completely new appearance as this book goes with fresh colour illustrations by Kai Würbs.
Time for Christmas Elves

When a new family moves in with the farm near the forest, the gnome Nisse is very happy. At last he can tend the farm animals once again, as it is tradition among the Swedish gnomes. But then things take a different direction than expected. Nisse learns that Santa Clause’s head quarter is in need of little helpers as he is especially busy at the time. But in order to become a Christmas Elf Nisse has to undero a retraining: making gifts, baking cookies and many more tasks. Luckily, the farm animals are willing to help him achieving his goal. Will Nisse really accompany Santa Clause on Christmas Eve in his slide?

Fabulous Christmas book with 24 chapters

For all those who love Christmas

Kristina Kreuzer was born 1975. She studied literature and has worked for several publishing houses in Germany. Today she lives in Hamburg and works passionately with words – as an author, a translator and an editor. She loves Christmas and the smell of cookies. Her pastries have a great reputation among her three children.

Kai Würbs has studied illustration in Hamburg and soon became one of the most popular illustrators in Germany.
School holidays haven’t been boring at all because Niki and Flo fall into a huge adventure! Everything starts when Niki discovers the oil painting "Girl with Grapes" in her grandma’s garage. Grandma tells her that this is the handmade duplicate of a painting by the famous artist Otto Löwe. In other words: something very special! Because she is the best grandma in the world she gives it to Niki. But shortly afterwards the "Girl with Grapes" gets stolen! Is it possible that the painting isn’t a duplicate but the original instead? Niki and Flo chase after the thief who has stolen the painting ...

Secrecy, danger and suspense!

More than 200 comic-style illustrations

NANA RAUSCH, born 1967, has studied graphic design and went to live in New York where she worked as an illustrator. She always had the wish to write a children’s book. As she loves crime stories, "Niki and Flo" had to become a detective story for children.
This toy store is the dream of all children.

The "Miracle Box" is a marvelous toy store owned by Mr. Wirsing. Magic fortune toys from all over the world regularly arrive in his shop. When Oda and Willi open one of the packages they find a frightened stuffed bunny with only one ear, named Meeep. Of all things he is intended for Checker, the wildest, rudest boy in school. Obviously the scared little soft toy doesn’t want to be delivered to him. Oda and Willi are willing to do everything in their power to help Meeep!
The valuable jewellery of the Queen has been stolen! Of course the King orders none other than the Three Musketeers to find the thieves and bring back the gems. Pozzo, Azzo, Tiramisu and Mushroom are on their way, getting help from cunning Rebecca. But this time it will become more dangerous than ever: Not only does their arch enemy Cardinal Rishrash seem to be the perpetrator, but the devil himself turns out to be the mastermind!

For fans of fairy tales and heroic stories

The Three and a Half Musketeers

Full-colour illustrations by Tim Köhler

Hardcover

ca. 256 Pages

16,5 x 23,2 cm

Age 10+

Release September 21, 2018

LEUW VON KATZENSTEIN was born in 1949, the son of a Flemish librarian mother and a Baltic nobleman father. He has been working mostly in the entertainment industry, inter alia, as an accountant for a revue theatre, as a steward on the MS Vulkan and as a croupier in a casino.

TIM KÖHLER, was born in 1990. He already started to work for print magazines and illustrated picture books while he was studying. He gets his inspiration from movies, literature and everyday life.
Of adventures and daring heroes in enchanted forests

Nobody is as brave and strong as Pozzo, Azzo, Tiramisu and little Mushroom! That is why King Loisel awards them the golden letter »L« and appoints them his Musketeers. The four friends receive an important mission: They have to escort Princess Rosabella to the King so that they can marry. Alas, the devious Cardinal Rishrash works out a treacherous plot in order to interfere. And this is not the only danger waiting for the Three and a half Musketeers...
This is the **dream** of all children:

**An invention that cleans everything up in a jiffy!**

Everybody knows this situation: You are sitting in the classroom, flicking back the paper balls that have been thrown at you and looking at the teacher’s writing on the black board – then suddenly a chequered pair of underpants is floating down from the ceiling, gently landing on the teacher’s desk. Wait – you don’t know such a situation? But that’s exactly what has happened to Robert! Who would have thought that the invention of his best friend Pelle has such surprising effects? Though his invention actually should have created order instead of chaos ...

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**Jana Scheerer** was born in 1978 and is working in Berlin. She writes novels, short stories and theatre plays for children. The idea for this book came while cleaning up at home: How much nicer would it be if you could digitally store all needless things and never have to throw anything away anymore?
What if you were able to choose your family?

Emma and her brother Elias would like nothing more than having a real grandma, baking them pies, knitting them woollen socks and reading to them! But you can’t choose your family – or can you? When the kids start searching in a retirement home they get to know cheerful Greta and are instantly becoming close. There is just one little snag: Greta is not acting like a normal granny at all. Instead she is packed full of surprises ...

Maren von Klitzing

Maren von Klitzing was born 1964 in Hamburg and grew up in Genua, Zurich, Rotterdam and Hamburg. For several years she was editor at a children’s magazine before starting to write children’s books. Her first stories she invented for her two sons. Meanwhile she started a reading club in a refugee camp.
The Miracle Box of Mr. Wirsing is the most beautiful toy store in the world! Aside from ordinary stuffed animals, toy trains and dolls there are magical toys such as flying butterflies made of paper or edible soap bubbles. Oda can’t believe her luck when Mr. Wirsing offers her to help him out in the store. As a reward she is allowed to choose one toy every month – no matter which! When Oda takes home the talking fortune cat Mao, an adventure starts to unroll …

WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE!

Gina Mayer was born in 1965. She studied graphic design and worked as a freelance ad writer before becoming an author. Today she is writing books for children and adults. Her work has been nominated for the Deutsch-Französischer Jugendliteraturpreis (German-French Youth Literature Award) amongst others.

Anemone Kloos was born in 1986 and studied communication design. Since 2012 she’s working as a free illustrator in Leipzig. Her drawings are fresh and daring at times, sometimes extraordinary, always charming.

Gina Mayer
The Miracle Box
Hardcover
Full-colour illustrations by Anemone Kloos
160 pages
15,0 x 20,0 cm
Age 8+
Release March 9, 2018
Erich Kästner, born 1899 in Dresden, is to this day one of the most popular children's books author in Germany. After the Nazis seized power in Germany, Kästner’s books were burned among many others. Since 1935, the newly founded Atrium Verlag in Switzerland published his work. He has been awarded numerous prizes such as the Hans-Christian-Andersen-Preis and the Georg-Büchner-Preis. Erich Kästner died 1974 in Munich.

Breaking News:

The 35th of May with colourized illustrations for the first time!

New cover designs with the classic illustrations by Walter Trier and Horst Lemke

Erich Kästner Verlag
For Children

Provisional Cover
The Flying Classroom

Martin’s school is no ordinary school. There are snowball fights, kidnappings, cakes, a parachute jump, a mysterious man called ‘No-Smoking’ who lives in a railway carriage and a play about a flying classroom. As the Christmas holidays draw near, Martin and his friends - nervous Uli, cynical Sebastian, Johnny, who was rescued by a sea captain, and Matthias, who is always hungry (particularly after a meal) – are preparing for the end of term festivities. But there are surprises, sadness and trouble on the way - and a secret that changes everything.

Sold to: Bosnia, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, English World, Estonia, France, Italy, South Korea, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Slovakia, Taiwan, Turkey, Hungary, Greece

Dot and Anton

‘Matches, buy my matches, ladies and gents!’ calls Luise Pogge, a.k.a. ‘Dot’, evening after evening, on a street in Berlin. Her rich parents have no idea of her whereabouts, believing her to be in the care of her nanny, Miss Andacht. But Miss Andacht is being blackmailed by her shady fiancé, Anton, on the other hand, has to beg because he and his mother are poor. When the two children become friends on the streets of Berlin, Dot has a brilliant idea that has to solve both their problems, and in the process they even solve a dastardly crime...

Sold to: Bulgaria, China (Complex and Simplified), English World, Italy, South Korea, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Slovakia, Taiwan, Turkey, Hungary, Greece

The Parent Trap

Luise has ringlets. Lottie has braids. Apart from that they look exactly the same. But they are sure that they have never set eyes on each other before. When the two girls meet at a summer camp and discover the secret behind their similarity, they decide to switch places. Everyone is fooled (apart from the dog) and almost everything goes to plan - until their father meets a young, beautiful woman and things start to unravel... Funny, moving and affectionate, The Parent Trap has been adapted for film several times - but the book remains one of the great classics of German children’s literature.

Sold to: Brazil, Bulgaria, China, English World, Estonia, France, Italy, South Korea, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Taiwan, Turkey, Hungary, Azerbaijan, Romania, Greece

Emil and the Detectives

Emil is excited to be taking the train on his own for the first time. He doesn’t like the look of his fellow passenger, the man in the bowler hat. Emil will just have to keep his wits about him and his money in his pocket. But Emil falls asleep and when he wakes up the man in the bowler hat is gone - and so is the money! Emil is determined to get it back. He teams up with a gang of young detectives and so begins a hair-raising chase across Berlin to catch the dirty rotten thief...

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Emil and the Three Twins

Emil and the detectives are on holiday by the seaside when they meet the three Byrons. One Byron is the father and the other two are the sons, Mackie and Jackie. Jackie is bigger than Mackie and Byron Senior is very annoyed about it. But what is Jackie to do? When Emil and the detectives discover that the father is planning to desert poor Jackie they are determined to come to the rescue but not before they’ve been cast away on a desert island...

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The Pig at the Barbershop

Sixteen ultimately funny stories about Kästner’s remarkable sense for Children’s needs and thoughts, showing that he always took them seriously. Kids don’t like having their hair cut – except when it is the “Coiffeur at the Zoo” where children sit on living animals instead of chairs. In another story, little Friedrich is cured from his curiosity by Sherlock Holmes himself.

Sold to: Bulgaria, South Korea, Turkey, Hungary

The Little Man

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The Little Man and the Little Miss

The story of a cheeky two-inch-tall boy called Maxie Pichelsteiner who sleeps in a matchbox. In this new adventure Maxie is made the subject of a film and a television series.

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Renarrations of famous tales - told by Erich Kästner

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Puss in Boots
Der gestiefelte Kater
SOLD TO: China, Israel, Turkey, Hungary

Gulliver's Travels
Gullivers Reisen
SOLD TO: China, Israel, South Korea, Turkey, Hungary, Mongolia

Don Quichotte
SOLD TO: China, Israel, South Korea, Poland, Turkey, Hungary

Münchhausen
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