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**Arctis** is an imprint for Young Adult novels, publishing romance, fantasy and contemporary books. We are proud to present Kyra Groh's second young adult novel, MY LIFE AS A LEXICAL GAP: The heart-warming, witty story about two teenagers who are at odds with their families' values – orthodox Catholicism and narrow-minded world views denying climate change and shifting to the right.



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## KAPITEL 1 • MIA & JAKE



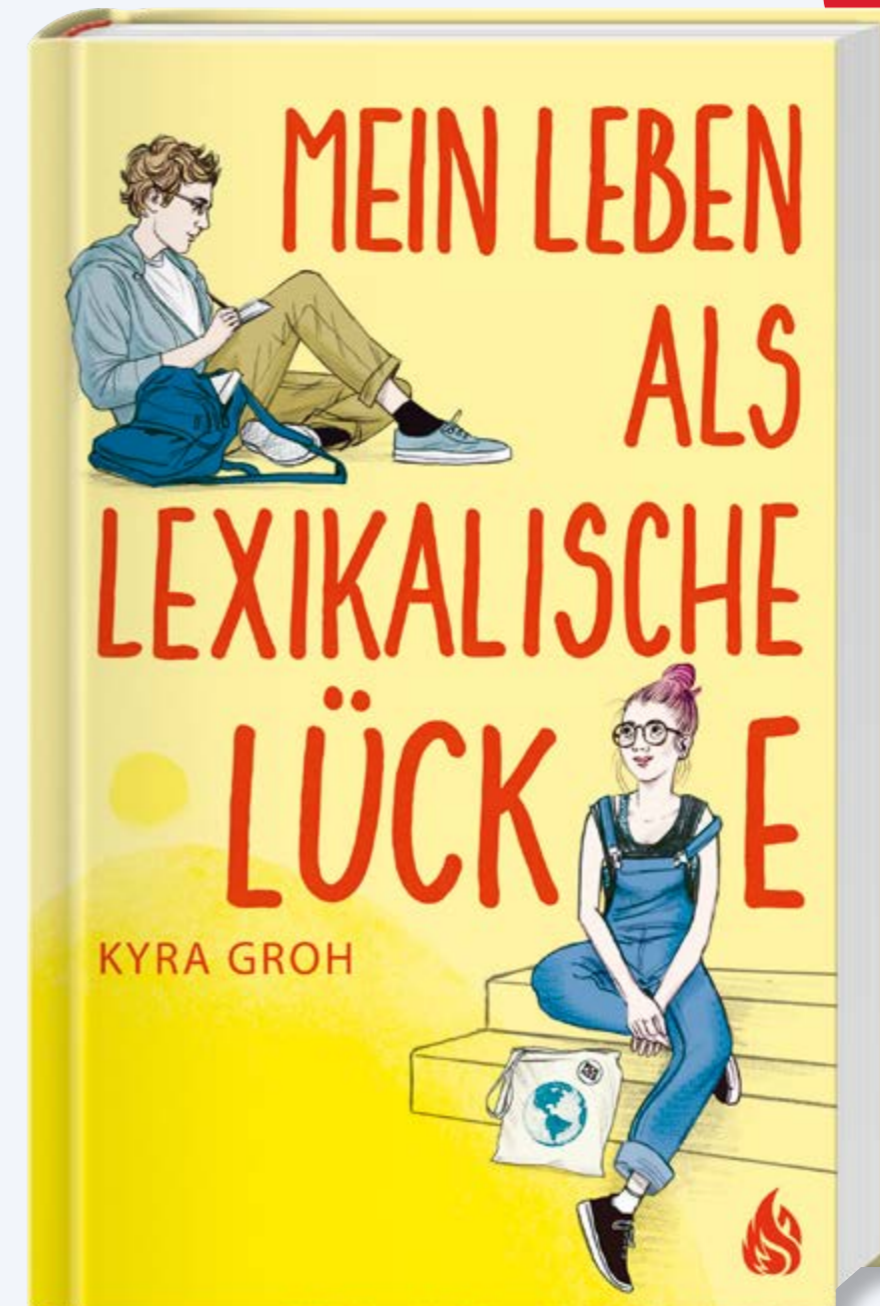
Es ist 06:37 Uhr. Wie jeden Morgen.  
Ich habe mal gelesen, dass es besser sei, den Wecker auf eine ungerade Uhrzeit zu stellen, weil der Körper dann besser aus dem Tiefschlaf erwacht. Aber wahrscheinlich hat das eh nur eines dieser Fun-Fact-Profile erfunden, auf deren Fotos mich meine beste Freundin Hatice immer tagt. Hatice fällt gerne auf so etwas rein.  
Aber nach einem Traum wie dem von heute Nacht bin ich froh, wach zu sein. Egal ob zu einer geraden oder ungeraden Uhrzeit. Jede andere würde nach diesem Albtraum wahrscheinlich...

# HOW CAN YOU VOUCH FOR SOMETHING WITHOUT YOUR FAMILY'S SUPPORT?

NEW

Benni is starting his internship at a Frankfurt hospital after graduation from highschool, being full of anxieties: He won't be able to draw blood, he won't transform from nerdy Benni to cool Ben, he won't ever escape from the cramped, crucifix-filled apartment he lives in with his mother. Jule has the same feeling of constriction – caused by her parent's narrow-minded attitude towards the world. They don't show any sympathy for vegan nutrition, *Fridays For Future* or anti-racism posters. Not to mention that they wouldn't understand their daughter's striving for her own ideals and the participation in a movement that brings desperately needed change to the world. When the two emotionally torn teenagers meet each other, their lives become more colourful and more complicated – but so much more bearable!

- 🔥 **Burning issues: right-wing populism and the pursuit of ideals**
- 🔥 **An unembellished look on the intergenerational conflict**



**Kyra Groh** was born in 1990 and started to write her first short stories at the age of eleven. Ever since, writing is a close companion of hers. Until today she has published five novels. "Safety is a Mean Illusion" is her first young adult novel. She lives with her partner in Frankfurt am Main.

## TWO MESSENGERS, AND ONE STRUGGLE

With his uniquely masterful style star author Benjamin Lebert tells a story full of dark secrets, myths and menace set against the backdrop of the Black Forest. A portal has opened in the depths of the woods. Two creatures from a long forgotten time have come into our world. Once they were humans, knowing each other well. Their paths have crossed time and again, but now they are messengers in search of six remaining companions to fight the final battle. In the end there have to be five Messengers of Doom against the three Messengers of Safeguarding. And only one person will survive in order to determine our future ...

- 🔥 **The author's novel "Crazy" has been sold in Germany more than 1.2 million times and was translated into 33 languages**
- 🔥 **A thrilling, dark and fantastic all age novel**
- 🔥 **"Since many years Benjamin Lebert belongs to the most interesting literary voices in Germany"**  
*Joachim Scholl, Deutschlandradio Kultur*

## SIX COMPANIONS FOR SURVIVAL




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**Benjamin Lebert** was born in 1982 and has published seven novels of which his bestseller "Crazy" has been made into a successful motion picture. The author is founding member of the Lübecker Literaturtreffen initiated by Günther Grass. He grew up in Freiburg im Breisgau and is very familiar with the myths and legends of the Black Forest. Today he lives in Hamburg with his family.

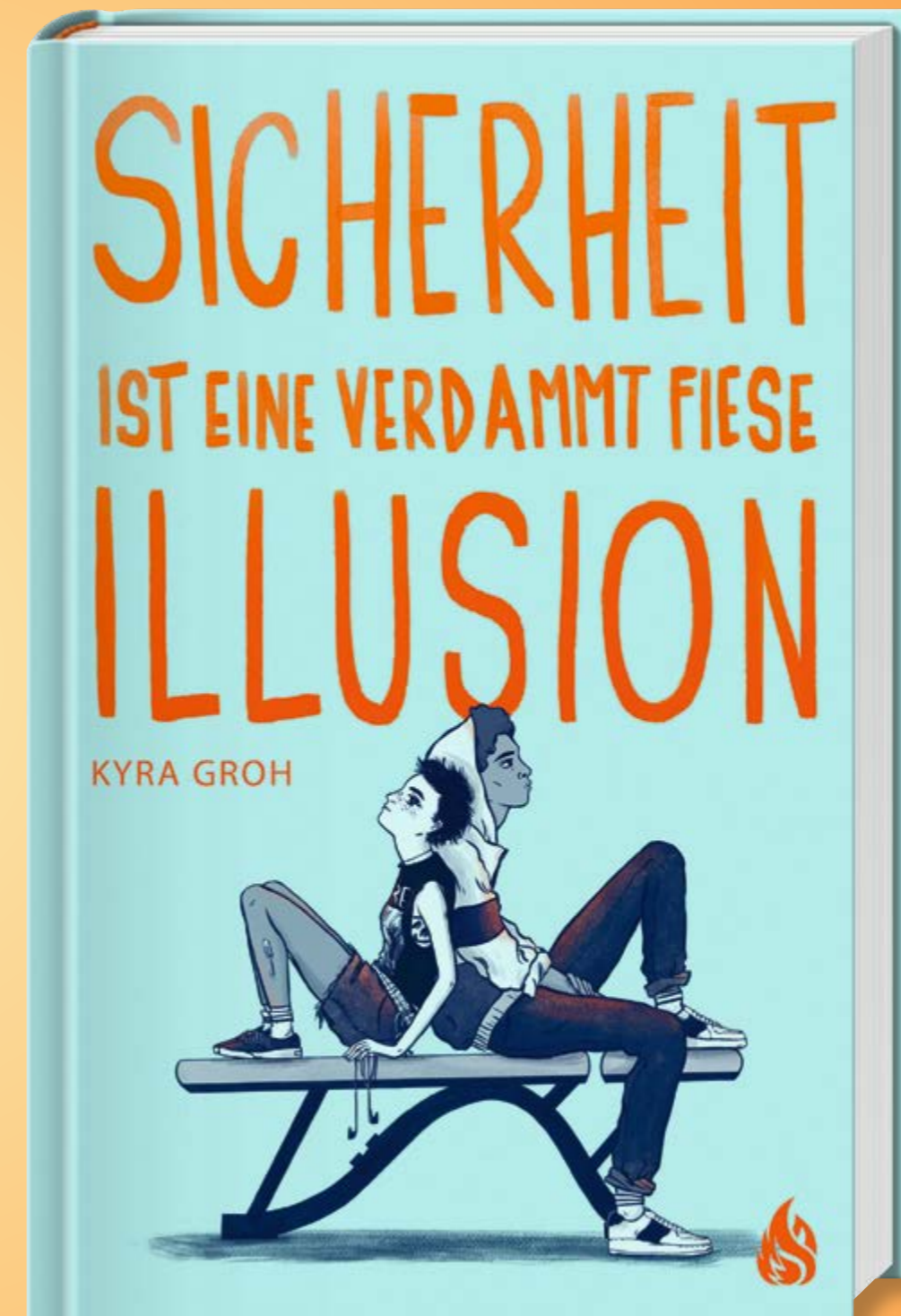
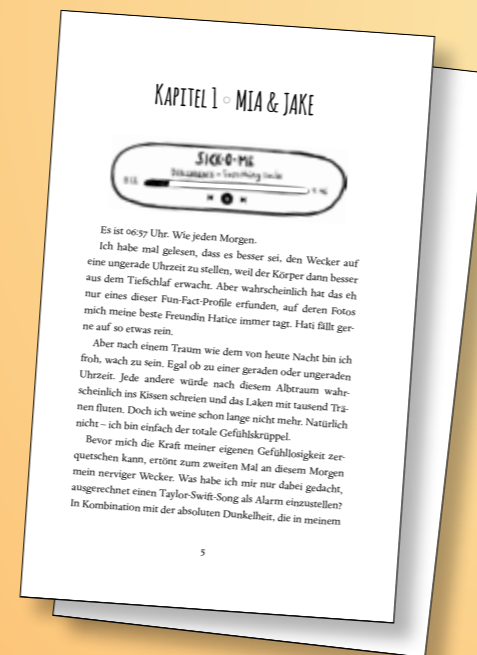
# »Now I know that it hurts like hell to feel so much ...

... but as long as you can feel at all, it is worth the risk«

Sometimes Mia imagines her disease to be an enviable super power. In reality, it is actually quite problematic if you're not able to feel pain and are prone to constantly harm yourself without recognizing. Mia knows this ever since that one night when she lost her mother. The tormenting memories are her biggest secret. At least until she meets Jake who fights his own sorrows in the gym owned by Mia's father. He is the only one she can confide and he tells her about the dark parts of his life, too. Though they are as different as can be, Mia for the first time has the feeling that safety might actually be more than a mean illusion.

 **An authentic young adult voice hitting a funny, vibrant tone**

 **Including a link to the Spotify playlist covering the songs from the book**



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