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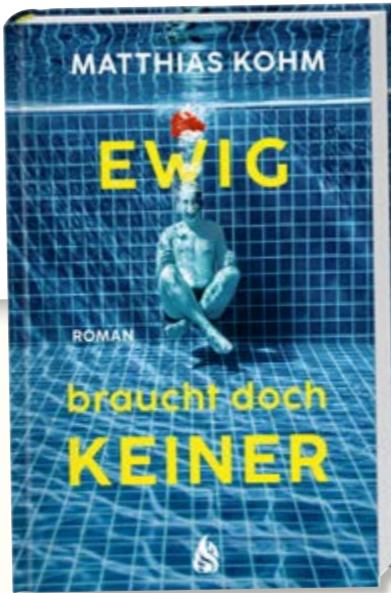
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Arctis is an imprint for Young Adult novels, publishing romance, fantasy, and contemporary books. We are proud to present Matthias Kohm's young adult novel, NO ONE NEEDS AN ETERNITY ANYHOW:

The heart-warming and exciting story about a circle of rehabilitating teenagers in search for a new goal in life. Bored to death in physical rehab, they decide to find hope in the foundation of a new, custom-tailored religion. One in which the promise of eternity has no place.



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FOR ALL FANS OF THE

“RED BAND SOCIETY” “POLSERES VERMELLES”

NEW

Carpenter Meyer really has no idea how to write a novel. But his head doctor revealed to him the therapeutic chances of creative writing. So, he starts to compose the story of his adolescence: A time in which he was a seventeen-year-old apprentice, living with cancer in rehab:

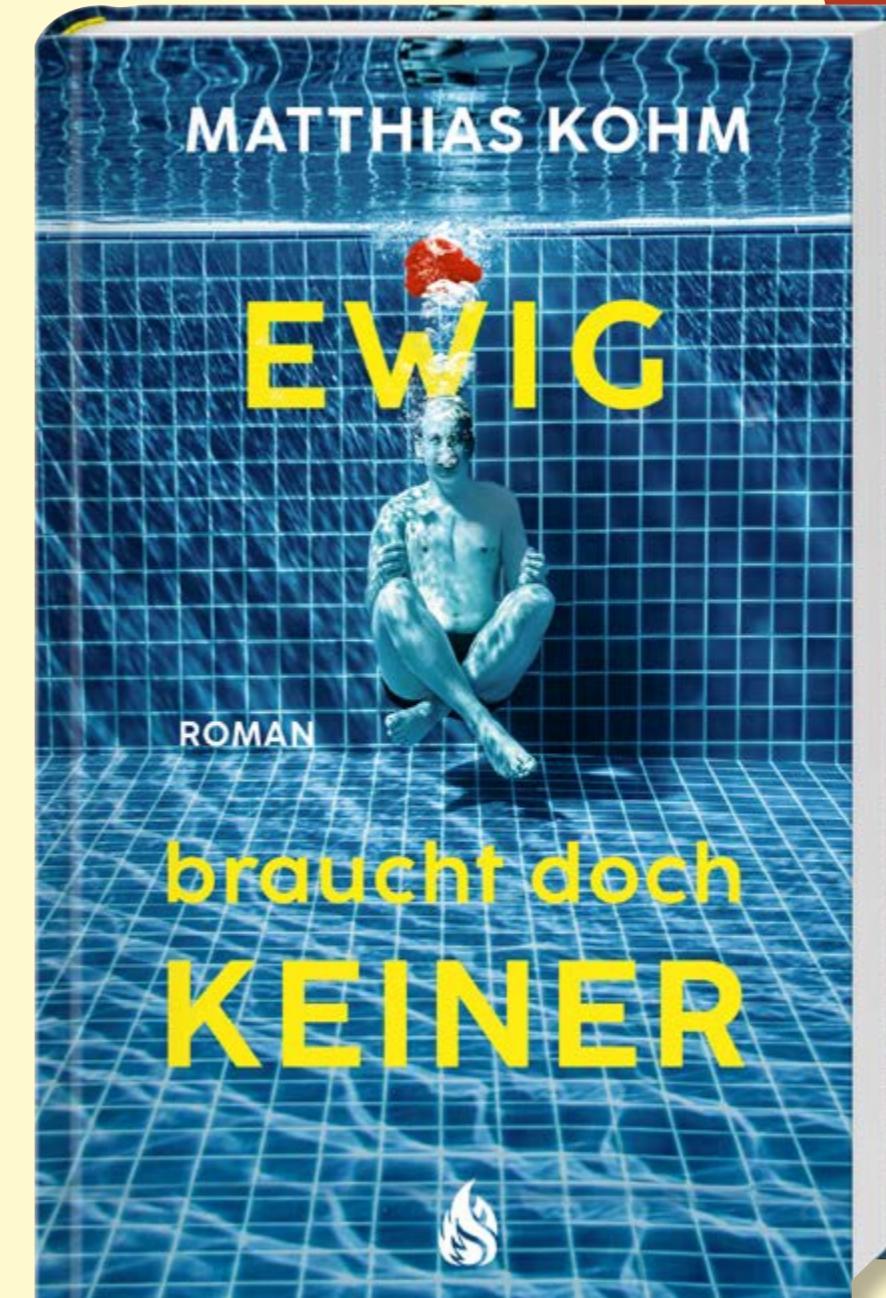
The word “Eternity” is useless, that much was certain, as Meyer and his friends Adrian, Benno, Natascha, Ioana, and Johanna found a new religion. One without the promise of eternal life, as this is nothing too alluring for six teenagers forced to live in rehab. Their new-found religion acts as distraction from the boring day-to-day life in the facility where there is hardly anything to do except recovering. And for protagonist Meyer it offers a connection to his first love Johanna, who kindles the flame of hope inside the suffering teen. Consequentially, the circle of like-minded friends learns about love, friendship, and death as integral parts of life.

- 🔥 A down-to-earth young adult novel for all ages
- 🔥 Teaching how to deal with the first love and the existential dread of death
- 🔥 How hard can it be to invent a religion?



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Matthias Kohm studied musicology in Berlin after his apprenticeship in wholesale. Learning about his true passion in the arts back then he still works as piano tutor for children and teenagers. There is a multitude of music styles he adores, and he sees himself as philanthropist at heart. He lives with his wife in Berlin-Schöneberg.



Matthias Kohm

No one needs an eternity anyhow

Novel

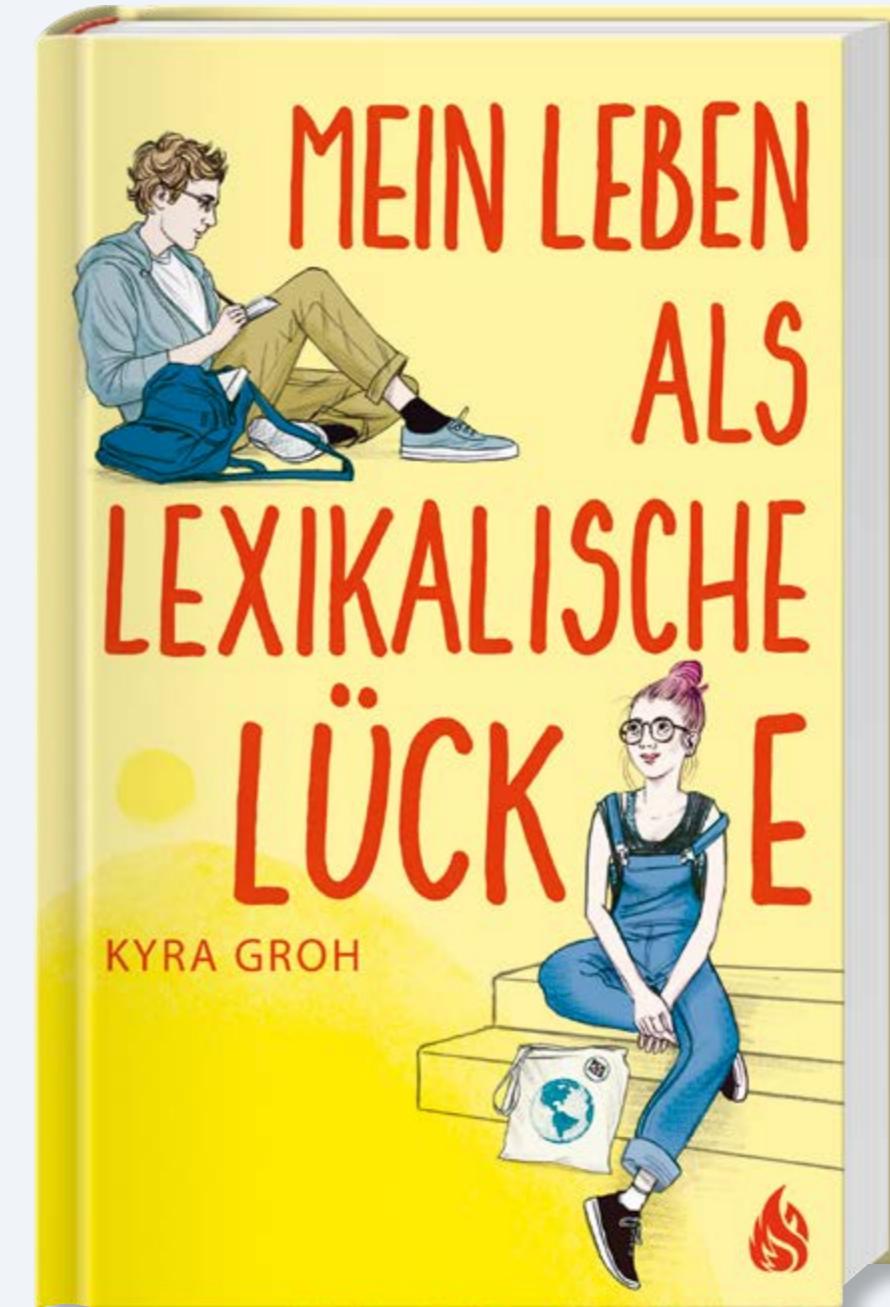
384 Pages

Release 16. February 2022

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

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.



Kyra Groh
My Life as a Lexical Gap
Novel
467 Pages
Release 18. March 2021

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



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.

SIX COMPANIONS FOR SURVIVAL



Benjamin Lebert
The Mark of the Eight
Novel
ca. 324 Pages
Release 13. March 2020

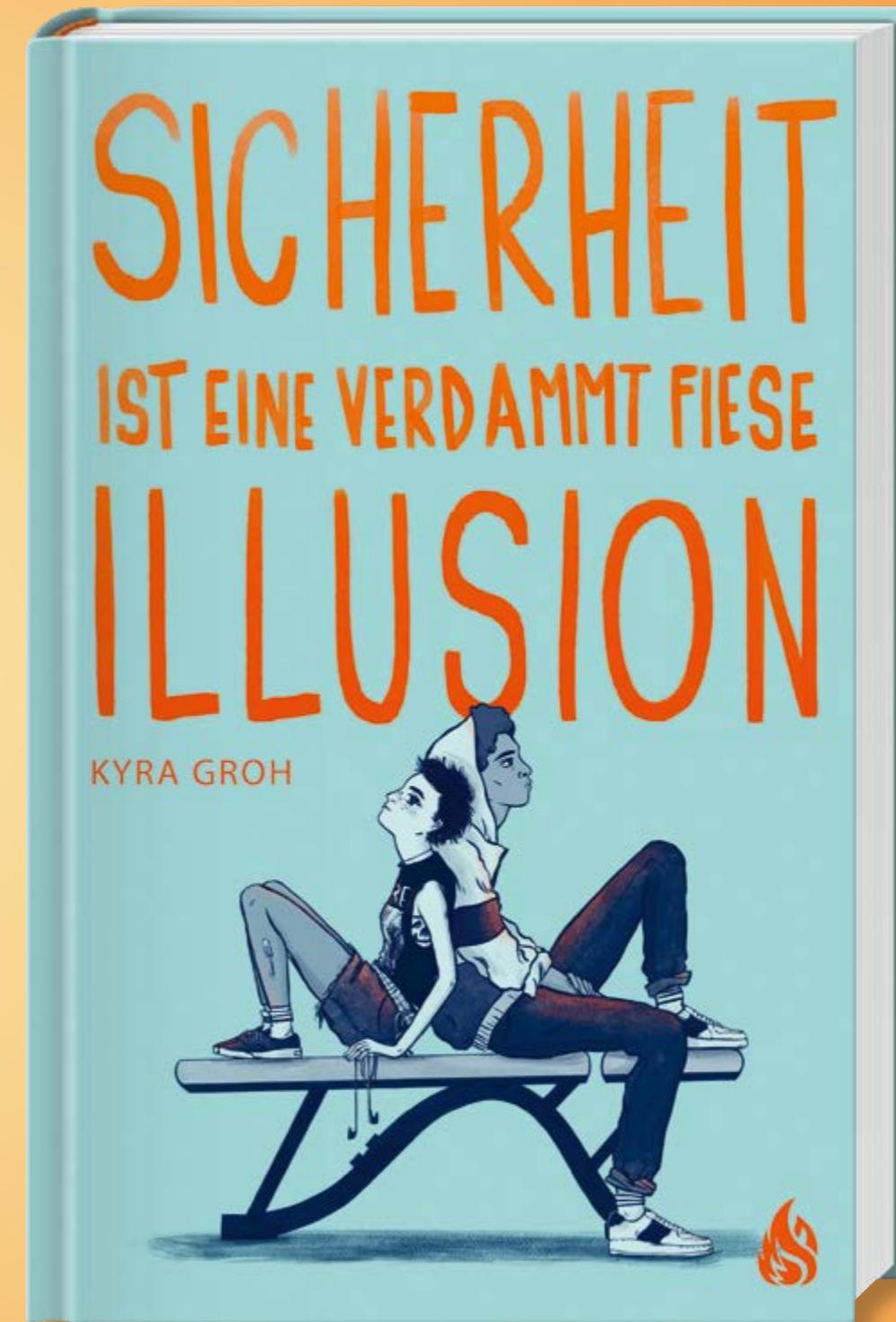
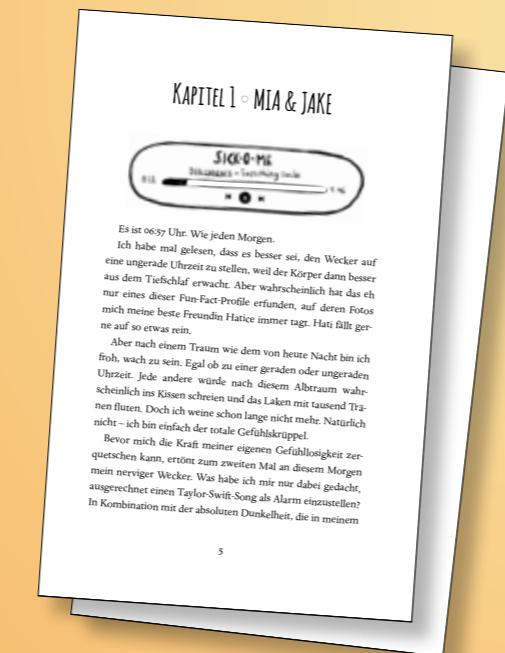
»Now I know that it hurts like hell to feel so much ...

... 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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