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Hansjörg Schneider
Hunkeler in the Wilderness

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The long wait is over – Detective Hunkeler is back on the job. Albeit very reluctantly.

The tenth case in the best-selling *Hunkeler* series.

A peaceful sunny morning in Basel's Kannenfeld Park. A sudden scream disturbs Peter Hunkeler's first coffee of the day: someone has found a dead body behind the bushes.

He may be in retirement, but a policeman is always a policeman, at least for other people. So Hunkeler has to take a look. And he realizes he knows the dead man: a well-known journalist and art critic.

Book factsheet

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Bestseller

1 Swiss Bestseller List

Movie adaptations

2011: *Silberkiesel. Hunkeler tritt ab*

Director: Markus Fischer
Screenplay: Dominik Bernet
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi, Charlotte Heinimann, Cynthia Coray und Ercan Durmaz.

2011: *Hunkeler und die Augen des Ödipus. TV-Verfilmung SF 1*

Director: Christian von Castelberg
Screenplay: Dominik Bernet
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Axel Milberg, Marie Leuenberger

2009: *Hunkeler und der Fall Livius*

Director: Stefan Jäger
Screenplay: Dominik Bernet
Cast: Matthias Gnädinger, Klaus Henner Russius, Gilles Tschudi, Jean Pierre Gos

2008: *Hunkeler macht Sachen*

Director: Markus Fischer
Screenplay: Dominik Bernet
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Charlotte Heinimann, Oliver Tobias

2005: *Tod einer Ärztin*

Director: Markus Fischer
Screenplay: Markus Fischer
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Charlotte Heinimann, André Jung

2004: *Das Paar im Kahn*

Director: Marie-Louise Bless
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi, Andrea Bettini

1981: *Sennentuntschi. Fernsehspiel*

Director: Hansjörg Schneider
Cast: Joseph Arnold, Walo Lüönd, Hanspeter Müller-Drossaart, Maja Stolle

Awards

2018 →Ehrendoktor← der Philosophisch-Historischen Fakultät der Universität Basel



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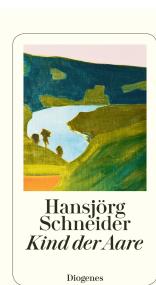
Hansjörg Schneider, born in Aarau, Switzerland, in 1938, worked as a teacher and journalist. For a long time, he was one of the most performed playwrights in the German language and his *Hunkeler* crime novels are regularly on the Swiss Bestseller list. Hansjörg Schneider has received numerous awards, among them the »Friedrich Glauser Prize« in 2005. He lives and writes in Basel.



The Owl over the Rhine
288 pages
2021
Bestseller



In the Café and on the Street
240 pages
2019



Child of the Aare
352 pages
2018
Bestseller



Dear Leo
304 pages
2016



Hunkeler's Secret
208 pages
2015



Hunkeler and the Golden Hand
240 pages
2013



The Murder of Anton Livius
256 pages
2013
Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



The Basel Killings
288 pages
2013
Award winner
Movie Adaptation

❖ Awards (cont'd)

- 2016 »Ehrenpreis Burgdorfer Krimitage« für *Hunkeler-Reihe*
- 2005 »Friedrich-Glauser-Preis« für *Hunkeler macht Sachen*
- 2003 Schweizer Schillerpreis
- 1998 Wetzlarer Phantastikpreis
- 1986 Aargauer Literaturpreis
- 1986 Literaturpreis der Stadt Basel
- 1981 Werkjahr des Kantons Zürich
- 1979 Werkjahr der Pro Helvetia
- 1977 Stipendiat des Berliner Künstlerprogramms (DAAD)
- 1976 »Preis der Welti-Stiftung für das Drama« *Der Erfinder*

Praise

Hunkeler in the Wilderness

»As always, Schneider's language, with its clarity and sense of calm, is a joy.« – Jochen Overbeck / Spiegel Online, Hamburg

»Horror encroaches into an idyll. And this contrast« – Michael Luisier / SRF1, Zurich

»Hansjörg Schneider, at 82 years of age, is at the peak of his creative powers with this book.« – NZZ am Sonntag, Zurich

»It's true that Hunkeler can be irascible at times. But as a reader, one can find peace with him, without ever encountering shallow or superficial prose.« – Frankfurter Rundschau, Frankfurt

»Once again, this is more than a crime novel; a dense proliferation of feelings, impressions, fragments, all of which are concealing something.« – Markus Wüest / Basler Zeitung, Basel

»Schneider has created a melancholy, literary crime novel, and a portrait of Hunkeler's psychology.« – Hansruedi Kugler / Aargauer Zeitung, Aarau

»Hansjörg Schneider tells his stories with a melancholy serenity that cares nothing for the loud things of the world.« – Volker Albers / Hamburger Abendblatt, Hamburg

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»Hansjörg Schneider has created a wonderful protagonist: rugged, awkward and likeable.« – Volker Albers / Hamburger Abendblatt

»Hansjörg Schneider's crime stories will have you hooked. As soon as a murderer is caught, you are already longing for the next one to appear.« – Benedikt Scherer / Tages-Anzeiger, Zurich

»Hansjörg Schneider is very addictive! Definitely one of the greatest German speaking authors.« – Jochen Schmoldt / Plärrer, Nürnberg

»Hansjörg Schneider is a talented and conscientious storyteller.« – Sabine Brandt / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung



Hansjörg Schneider
Das Wasserzeichen

Roman · Diogenes

The Watermark
304 pages
2013



Hansjörg Schneider
Nilpferde unter dem Haus

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Hippos under the House
224 pages
2012



Hansjörg Schneider
Nachtbuch für Astrid
Von der Liebe, von Sterben, von Freundschaft und darüber, den geliebten Menschen verlor zu haben

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Night Book for Astrid
128 pages
2012



Hansjörg Schneider
Tod einer Ärztin
Hunkelers vierter Fall

Roman · Diogenes

Death of a Doctor
240 pages
2011

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider
Das Paar im Kahn
Hunkelers dritter Fall

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Hansjörg Schneider
Flattermann

Hunkelers zweiter Fall

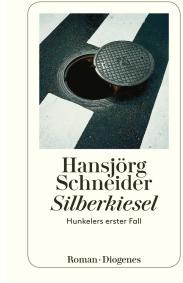
Roman · Diogenes

The Couple on the Barge
224 pages
2011

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller

The Fluttering Man
160 pages
2011

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider
Silberkiesel

Hunkelers erster Fall

Roman · Diogenes

Silver Pebbles
240 pages
2011

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider
Hunkeler und die Augen des Oedipus

Roman · Diogenes

Hunkeler and the Eyes of Oedipus
240 pages
2010

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller