

Diogenes

Ingrid Noll
False Tongues

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There is a Spanish saying, »The tongue is like a dagger in the flesh.« But what happens when a mother and son speak in false tongues, deceiving each other at every turn? Ingrid Noll's Collected Short Stories relate the tales of unusual mothers and peculiar men. How did the virgin give birth to a child? The book begins with a retelling of the story of Christmas. A conservative dominatrix, an unhappy mother, an amorous dog, a carnival souvenir and an unusual half-sister narrate the joys and suffering of motherhood. The men too display unexpected talents, whether it be collecting autographs, fishing, knitting sweaters, inviting home their female students – or even bumping off their wives in elegant fashion. Malicious pleasures bring variety into everyday drudgery, and unexpected presents lead to an ill-fated Christmas...

Book factsheet

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Bestseller

Spiegel Bestseller

Movie adaptations

2009: *Ladylike. Jetzt ers recht!*

Director: Vanessa Jopp
Screenplay: Christian Schnalke
Cast: Monika Bleibtreu, Gisela Schneeberger,
Günther Maria Halmer

2000: *Kalt ist der Abendhauch*

Director: Rainer Kaufmann
Screenplay: Ralf Hertwig
Cast: Fritzi Haberland, August Diehl, Heinz
Bennent, Gisela Trowe

1999: *Die Häupter meiner Lieben*

Director: Hans-Günther Bücking
Cast: Heike Makatsch, Christiane Paul

1999: *Der Hahn ist tot*

Director: Hermine Hunthgeburd
Cast: Gisela Schneeberger, August Zirner

1997: *Die Apothekerin*

Director: Rainer Kaufmann
Cast: Katja Riemann, August Zirner, Jürgen
Vogel

1993: *Bommels Billigflüge*

Director: Claus-Michael Rohne
Screenplay: Ingrid Noll
Cast: Rosemarie Fendel, Dominique Horwitz,
Tina Ruland

Awards

- 2025 Bundesverdienstkreuz der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
- 2023 Ehrenbürgerin von Weinheim
- 2019 Ehrenkriminalhauptkommissarin der Mannheimer Polizei
- 2016 Ehrenkommissarin der Bonner Polizei
- 2005 ›Friedrich-Glauser-Preis – Ehrenpreis der Autoren‹ für das Gesamtwerk
- 2002 Verleihung der ›Verdienstmedaille des Landes Baden-Württemberg‹ durch Ministerpräsident Erwin Teufel
- 1994 ›Friedrich-Glauser-Preis‹ für *Die Häupter meiner Lieben*



Ingrid Noll, born in Shanghai in 1935, studied German philology and art history in Bonn. She has three children and four grandchildren. After her children left home, she began writing crime stories, which all became instant bestsellers. In 2005 she received the ›Glaser Prize of Honour‹ for her oeuvre.

Praise

Ingrid Noll

»Ingrid Noll is one of the best German storytellers.« – Angela Gatterburg / Der Spiegel, Hamburg

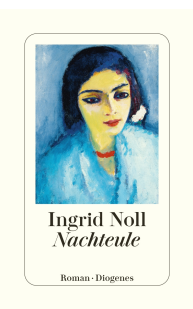
»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / Sonntagszeitung, Zürich

»Ingrid Noll is often referred to as Germany's ›Queen of Crime‹, and she fully deserves this title.« – The Sunday Times, London

»Riveting reading – we are captivated precisely because it is all so familiar.« – Dieter Hildebrandt / Sender Freies Berlin

»Ingrid Noll has truly mastered the art of the comic crime novel.« – Ulli Wagner / SR3, Saarbrücken

»Still the most original crime writer in the German language.« – Christel Freitag / NDR Kultur, Hamburg



The Night Owl
304 pages
2025



Greetings from the Kitchen
304 pages
2024
Bestseller



Tea Time
320 pages
2022
Bestseller



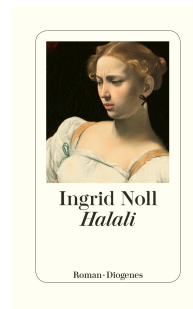
Fickle Flames
304 pages
2021
Bestseller



With Love, Karl
336 pages
2020
Bestseller



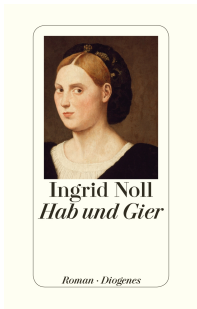
Good as Gold
368 pages
2019
Bestseller



Tally-Ho
320 pages
2017
Bestseller

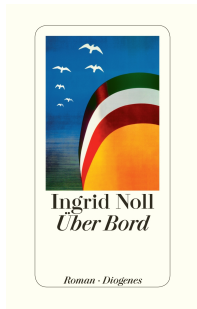


Lunchtime
224 pages
2015
Bestseller



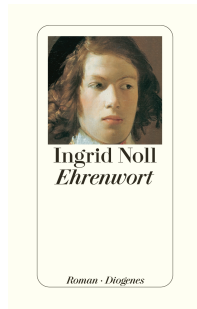
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Hab und Gier
Roman · Diogenes

Till Greed Do Us Part
256 pages
2014
📺 **Bestseller**



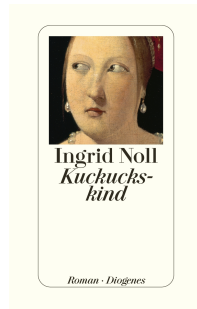
Ingrid Noll
Über Bord
Roman · Diogenes

Overboard
336 pages
2012
📺 **Bestseller**



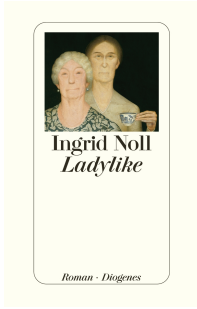
Ingrid Noll
Ehrenwort
Roman · Diogenes

Word of Honour
336 pages
2010
📺 **Bestseller**



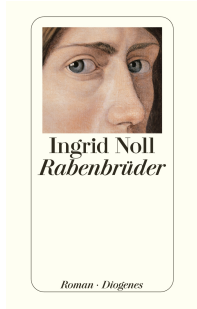
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Cuckoo's Child
352 pages
2008
📺 **Bestseller**



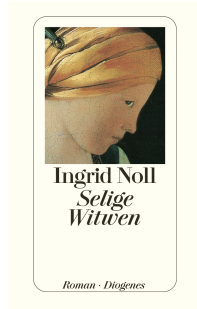
Ingrid Noll
Ladylike
Roman · Diogenes

Ladylike
336 pages
2006
📺 **Movie Adaptation**
📺 **Bestseller**



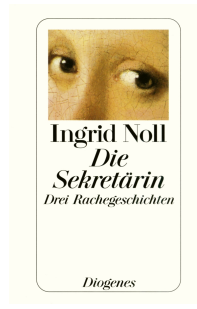
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Rabenbrüder
Roman · Diogenes

Rabenbrüder
288 pages
2003
📺 **Bestseller**



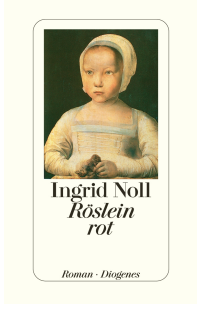
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Selige Witwen
Roman · Diogenes

Blissfully Widowed
272 pages
2001
📺 **Bestseller**



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Die Sekretärin
Drei Ruchegeschichten
Diogenes

The Secretary
96 pages
2000
📺 **Bestseller**



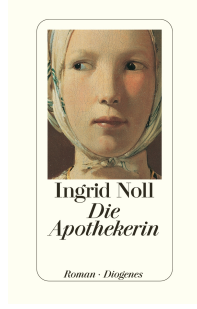
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Röslein rot
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Red Rose
288 pages
1998
📺 **Bestseller**



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Kalt ist der Abendhauch
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Cold is the Evening's Breeze
256 pages
1996
📺 **Movie Adaptation**
📺 **Bestseller**



Ingrid Noll
Die Apothekerin
Roman · Diogenes

The Pharmacist
256 pages
1994
📺 **Movie Adaptation**
📺 **Bestseller**



Ingrid Noll
Die Häupter meiner Lieben
Roman · Diogenes

Head Count
288 pages
1993
📺 **Movie Adaptation**
📺 **Bestseller**



Ingrid Noll
Der Hahn ist tot
Roman · Diogenes

Hell Hath No Fury
272 pages
1991
📺 **Movie Adaptation**
📺 **Bestseller**