

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

Crime fiction, General Fiction
256 pages
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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: *Der Hahn ist tot*

Director: Hermine Hunthgeburt
Cast: Gisela Schneeberger, August Zirner

1999: *Die Häupter meiner Lieben*

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

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

- 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*

Praise

Ingrid Noll



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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 ›Glauser Prize of Honour‹ for her oeuvre.

Praise (cont'd)

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

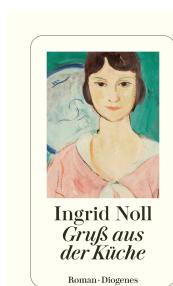
»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / SonntagsZeitung, Zürich

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

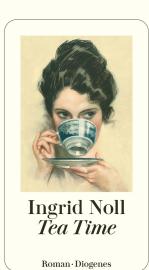
»Riveting reading – we are captivated precisely because it is all so familiar.« – Dieter Hildebrandt / Sender Freies Berlin

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

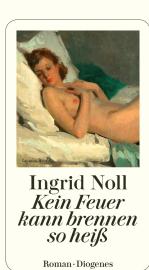
»Ingrid Noll has truly mastered the art of the comic crime novel.« – Ulli Wagner / SR3, Saarbrücken



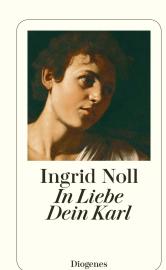
Greetings from the Kitchen
304 pages
2024
Bestseller



Tea Time
320 pages
2022
Bestseller



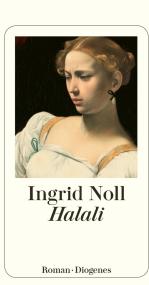
Fickle Flames
304 pages
2021
Bestseller



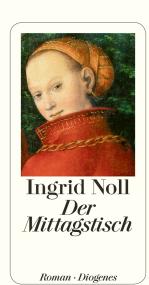
With Love, Karl
336 pages
2020
Bestseller



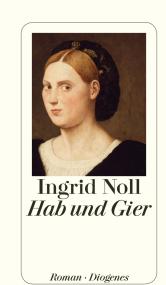
Good as Gold
368 pages
2019
Bestseller



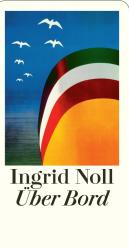
Tally-Ho
320 pages
2017
Bestseller



Lunchtime
224 pages
2015
Bestseller



Till Greed Do Us Part
256 pages
2014
Bestseller



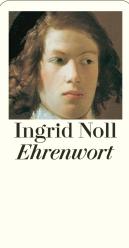
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Über Bord

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Overboard

336 pages
2012

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



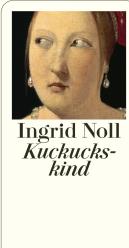
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Ehrenwort

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Word of Honour

336 pages
2010

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Bestseller



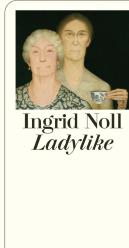
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Cuckoo's Child

352 pages
2008

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



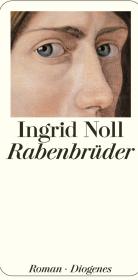
Ingrid Noll
Ladylike

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Ladylike

336 pages
2006

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



Ingrid Noll
Rabenbrüder

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Ingrid Noll
Selige Witwen

Roman · Diogenes

Blissfully Widowed

272 pages
2001

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



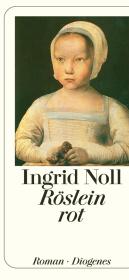
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Die Sekretärin
Drei Rachegeschichten

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The Secretary

96 pages
2000

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Bestseller



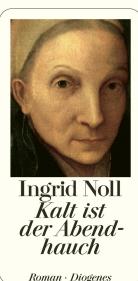
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Red Rose

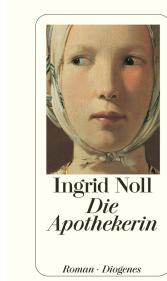
288 pages
1998

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



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der Abend-
hauch*

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Die Apothekerin

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Cold is the Evening's
Breeze
256 pages
1996

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Bestseller

The Pharmacist
256 pages
1994

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



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meiner
Lieben*

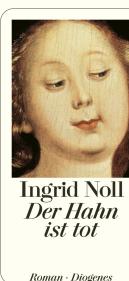
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Head Count

288 pages

1993

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



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Roman · Diogenes

Hell Hath No Fury

272 pages

1991

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller