

# Diogenes

Ingrid Noll  
*Cuckoo's Child*

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Original title: *Kuckuckskind*



## Ingrid Noll *Kuckucks- kind*

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Mama's baby – papa's maybe? »Cuckoo's Child« is a story about three paternity tests, a pregnancy test, a baby in a laundry basket, a few dead persons and unconventional family bliss in a nest which, though entirely unfamiliar, is nonetheless rather cosy. »A little house with a garden, a happy marriage and above all two children, those were my goals in life«, Anja, a teacher in her late thirties thinks to herself. Far from having reached her goals, she is stuck in a »rat hole« as she calls the lodging into which she fled following her divorce. When her colleague Birgit becomes pregnant, Anja can't help suspecting the child was conceived by her own ex-husband. She persuades Birgit's husband secretly to undergo a paternity test. The side effects are potentially dangerous... With an equal portion of humour and insight into the slings and arrows of nest-building, »Cuckoo's Child« depicts family constellations which are anything but boring and common. In the process she shows that the road to happiness is not always straight and smooth.

## Book factsheet

Crime fiction, General Fiction  
352 pages  
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July 2008

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Spanish/world (Circe)

### 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*



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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

### Cuckoo's Child

»A wonderful mean book. Ingrid Noll twists the topic of childlessness into a thrilling crime novel.« – Die Welt, Hamburg

### Ingrid Noll

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

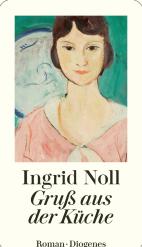
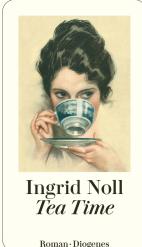
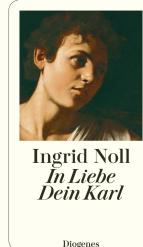
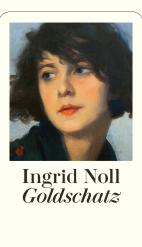
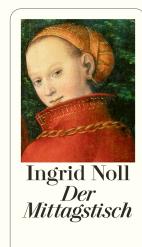
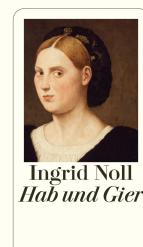
»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / SonntagsZeitung, Zürich

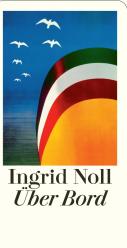
»Ingrid Noll is often referred to as Germany's ›Queen of Crime‹, and she fully deserves this title.« – The Sunday Times, London

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

»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

 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Gruß aus der Küche</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Tea Time</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Kein Feuer kann brennen so heiß</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>In Liebe Dein Karl</i> Diogenes</p>
<p>Greetings from the Kitchen 304 pages 2024 Bestseller</p>	<p>Tea Time 320 pages 2022 Bestseller</p>	<p>Fickle Flames 304 pages 2021 Bestseller</p>	<p>With Love, Karl 336 pages 2020 Bestseller</p>
 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Goldschatz</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Halali</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Der Mittagstisch</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Hab und Gier</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>
<p>Good as Gold 368 pages 2019 Bestseller</p>	<p>Tally-Ho 320 pages 2017 Bestseller</p>	<p>Lunchtime 224 pages 2015 Bestseller</p>	<p>Till Greed Do Us Part 256 pages 2014 Bestseller</p>



Ingrid Noll  
*Über Bord*

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Overboard

336 pages  
2012

Bestseller

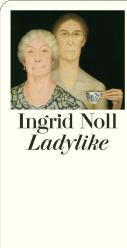


Ingrid Noll  
*Ehrenwort*

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Word of Honour  
336 pages  
2010

Bestseller



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*Ladylike*

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Ladylike  
336 pages  
2006

Movie Adaptation  
Bestseller

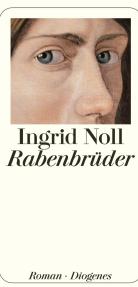


Ingrid Noll  
*Falsche  
Zungen*

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False Tongues  
256 pages  
2004

Bestseller

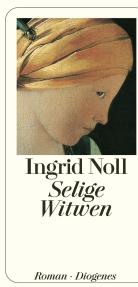


Ingrid Noll  
*Rabenbrüder*

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Rabenbrüder  
288 pages  
2003

Bestseller



Ingrid Noll  
*Selige  
Witwen*

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Blissfully Widowed  
272 pages  
2001

Bestseller



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*Die  
Sekretärin*  
*Drei Rachegeschichten*

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The Secretary  
96 pages  
2000

Bestseller

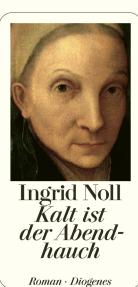


Ingrid Noll  
*Röslein  
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Red Rose  
288 pages  
1998

Bestseller



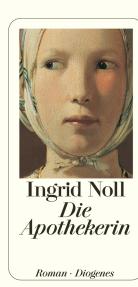
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Cold is the Evening's  
Breeze  
256 pages  
1996

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Ingrid Noll  
*Die  
Apothekerin*

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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