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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*

»We could smuggle, steal, deal drugs, murder, break in to houses, blackmail and kidnap as often as we pleased, nobody would ever suspect us. Nobody would be able to provide the police with our description, because it has been years since anyone has really looked at us. We, the grey brigade, are the invisible ghost army of the nation.«

It is unladylike thoughts such as these that run through the mind of 73-year-old Lore. In her old age, she lives with her best friend Anneliese. They have known each other since they were ten, but now they have moved even closer together: a two-woman household. Lore's husband has started a relationship with a younger woman, while Anneliese's has unfortunately passed away.

Together the two ladies hang on to their old memories. Just when it appears that their new life is getting off to a gentle and demure start, along comes Ewald, Anneliese's childhood sweetheart, whom they both met long ago at dancing lessons. Naturally, he has not spent his life alone either. In fact, he is a somewhat more lively than his two old girlfriends would like.

With her familiar humour, Ingrid Noll depicts the kind of surprises that the last period of life has to offer. The age of hair-buns and humility is over – now seniors run around in their sneakers. And if their own children don't take care of them, they take in a couple of students...

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

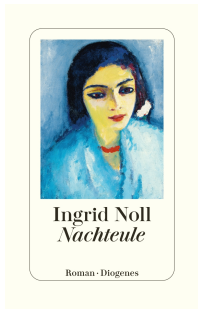
»Ingrid Noll has truly mastered the art of the comic crime novel.« – Ulli Wagner / SR3, Saarbrücken

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

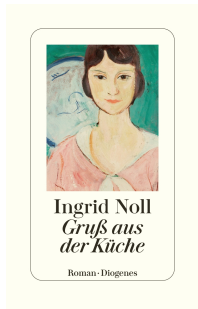


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Ingrid Noll, born in Shanghai in 1935, studied German philology and art history in Bonn. She has three children and four grandchildren. After her children left home, she began writing crime stories, which all became instant bestsellers. In 2005 she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



The Night Owl
304 pages
2025



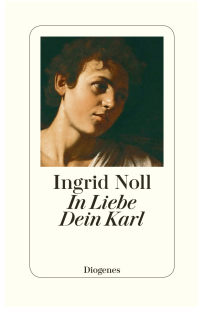
Greetings from the Kitchen
304 pages
2024
Bestseller



Tea Time
320 pages
2022
Bestseller



Fickle Flames
304 pages
2021
Bestseller



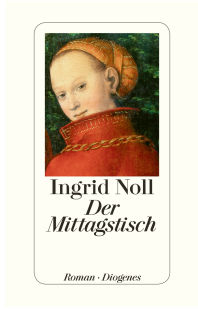
With Love, Karl
336 pages
2020
Bestseller



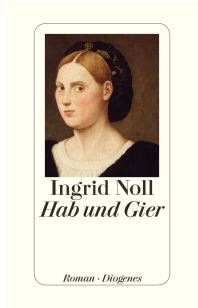
Good as Gold
368 pages
2019
Bestseller



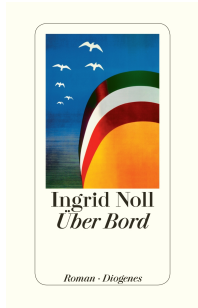
Tally-Ho
320 pages
2017
Bestseller



Lunchtime
224 pages
2015
Bestseller



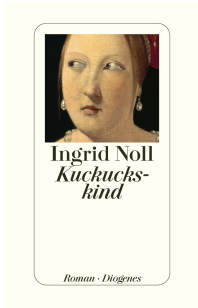
Till Greed Do Us Part
256 pages
2014
Bestseller



Overboard
336 pages
2012
Bestseller



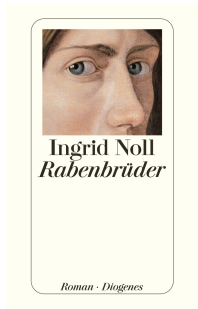
Word of Honour
336 pages
2010
Bestseller



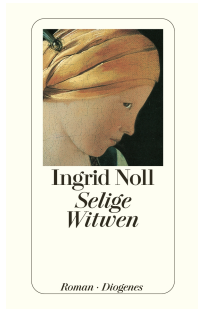
Cuckoo's Child
352 pages
2008
Bestseller



False Tongues
256 pages
2004
Bestseller



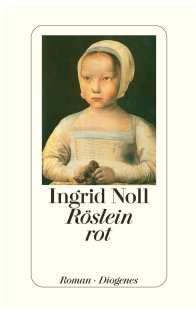
Rabenbrüder
288 pages
2003
Bestseller



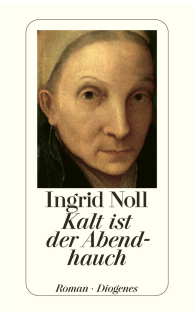
Blissfully Widowed
272 pages
2001
Bestseller



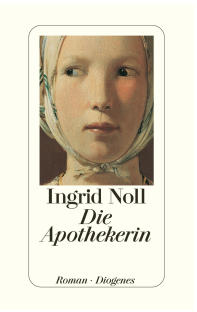
The Secretary
96 pages
2000
Bestseller



Red Rose
288 pages
1998
🏆 Bestseller



Cold is the Evening's
Breeze
256 pages
1996
🎬 Movie Adaptation
🏆 Bestseller



The Pharmacist
256 pages
1994
🎬 Movie Adaptation
🏆 Bestseller



Head Count
288 pages
1993
🎬 Movie Adaptation
🏆 Bestseller



Hell Hath No Fury
272 pages
1991
🎬 Movie Adaptation
🏆 Bestseller