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Helme Heine
Poke

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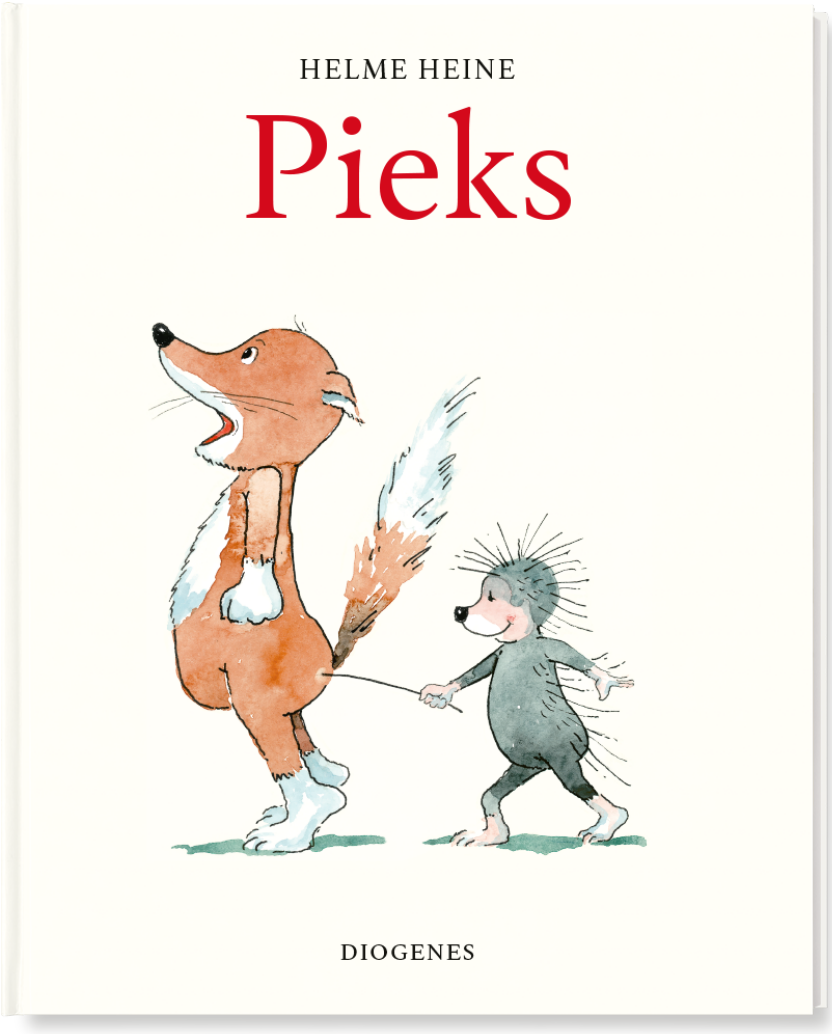

Children's Books
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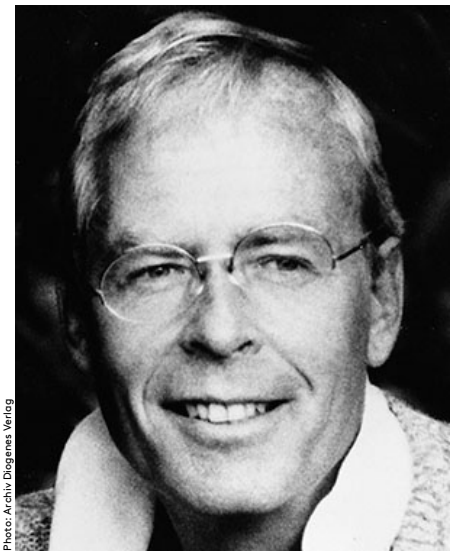
Movie adaptation

1992/93: Sauerkraut
Director: Helme Heine
Cast: 13teilige Zeichentrickfilmserie

The little hedgehog Poke is small, but fearless, because her prickles protect her. Until, one day, she loses all but one prickle. For the first time ever, she suddenly experiences fear, which refuses to be conquered by so many tricks — but not by courage and humour.



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Helme Heine (1941 – 2025) authored more than thirty children's books, with millions of copies sold around the world. He received numerous awards and honours, including the ›Grand Prize of the German Academy of Children's and Young Adults' Literature‹, and the ›Best Illustrated Children's Books of the Year‹ by the *New York Times* on a number of occasions. Helme Heine died in New Zealand in 2025.

A Bed for Rosa
32 pages
2025

Mini
36 pages
2023

My Friend RamTamTam
36 pages
2021

The Adventurers
28 pages
1994