

Lukas Hartmann
A Robber's Life

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Of all the robbers who cast fear and terror at the end of the 18th century, Hannikel was one of the most feared. Just the sound of his name was enough to make any child in the Black Forest or Elsass tremble. And Hannikel is on the run, with his most loyal men, along with their women and children. Where can he find a safe place for them?

Jacob Schäffer, the head magistrate of Sulz, is obsessed with one mission: to put a stop to robbers, crooks and gypsies. After an honour killing, he finally tracks Hannikel down to a sighting in Chur, in Graubünden.

Wilhelm Grau, Schäffer's clerk, has been in on the hunt for the Hannikel band from the start. But he is finding it increasingly difficult to see these people as monsters – especially Dieterle, Hannikel's eleven-year old son.

A gripping and lively novel which leads the reader from gypsy camps in the depths of the Black Forest to the private quarters of Duke Karl Eugen and his wife Franziska.

A tense and multi-layered novel, based on the true story of the robber Hannikel.

Book factsheet

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Italian (Armando Dadò)

Bestseller

Swiss Bestseller

Movie adaptations

2007: Die Prinzessin von Sansibar

Director: Tina Diaz

Screenplay: Tina Diaz

Cast: Dokumentarfilm mit Spielszenen

1992: Anna annA

Director: Greti & Jürgen Brauer Kläy

Screenplay: Lukas & Greti Kläy Hartmann

Cast: Lea Hürlimann, Wanda Hürlimann, Ilona Schulz

1989: Pestalozzis Berg

Director: Peter von Gunten

Cast: Gian Maria Volonté, Rolf Hoppe, Mathias
Grädinger, Corinna Harfouch

Awards

- 2018 ›Literaturpreis‹ Kanton Bern für *Ein Bild von Lydia*
- 2016 Generationenbuchpreis ›Prix Chronos‹ für *Mein Dschinn*
- 2010 ›Sir Walter Scott-Literaturpreis‹ für *Bis ans Ende der Meere*
- 2010 ›Grosser Literaturpreis von Stadt und Kanton Bern‹ für sein Gesamtwerk
- 2001 Ehrenliste des Österreichischen Kinder- und Jugendbuchpreises: *Leo Schmetterling*
- 1996 Preis der Schweizerischen Schillerstiftung für *Die Mohrin*
- 1995 ›Luchs 108‹ von *Die Zeit* und Radio Bremen für *Die Mohrin*
- 1995 Schweizer Jugendbuchpreis für *So eine lange Nase*
- 1993 Buchpreis der Stadt Bern für *Die Seuche*
- 1988 Werkjahr der Pro Helvetia sowie von Stadt und Kanton Bern für *Einer stirbt in Rom*
- 1983 Werkjahr der Pro Helvetia für *Aus dem Innern des Mediums*
- 1980 Buchpreis der Stadt Bern für *Pestalozzis Berg*
- 1980 Buchpreis der Schillerstiftung für *Pestalozzis Berg*



Lukas Hartmann, born in Berne in 1944, studied German and psychology. He was a teacher, journalist and media consultant. Today, he is a freelance writer living in Berne, writing books for adults and children. He is one of Switzerland's best-known authors and his novels regularly feature on the bestseller lists.

Praise

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»It is almost documentary, good enlightenment literature.« – BuchMarkt, Meerbusch

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»Lukas Hartmann immerses himself totally in his characters. He has a particular interest in figures who are in danger of being swallowed up by history. He is driven by a strong sense of justice, empathy and meticulousness.« – Beatrice Eichmann-Leutenegger / Neue Zürcher Zeitung

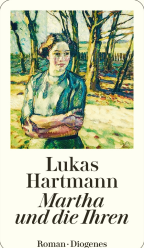

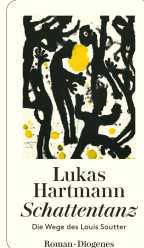





»Lukas Hartmann develops great poetic power, full of sensibility and eloquent silence.« – Neue Zürcher Zeitung

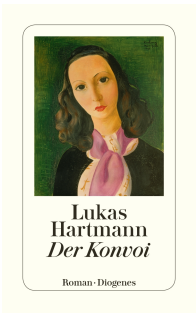
»Lukas Hartmann has an incredible affinity to the world of children.« – Carol Rosa / Berner Zeitung

»Lukas Hartmann's ability to see the world through a child's eyes is outstanding.« – Hits for Kids, Gustavsburg

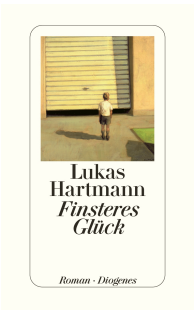
»A virtuoso of the historical novel.« – Charles Linsmayer / NZZ am Sonntag, Zurich

»Lukas Hartmann knows how to write history in a way that puts the present in a different light.« – Augsburg Allgemeine

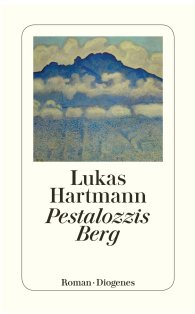
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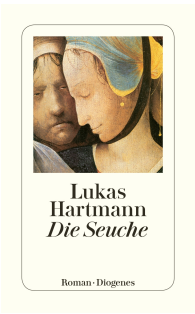
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208 pages
2013



Dark Bliss
320 pages
2010
🏆 Bestseller



Pestalozzi's Mountain
208 pages
2009
🏆 Award winner
🎬 Movie Adaptation



The Plague
224 pages
2009
🏆 Award winner



To the End of the Sea
496 pages
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🏆 Award winner
🏆 Bestseller