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Hunkeler and the ›Golden Hand‹

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*Hunkeler und
die goldene Hand*
Der siebte Fall

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The new Hunkeler opens with the inspector relaxing in the outdoor pool of the Marina saltwater spa in Rheinfelden, in an effort to cure his back problems. He sees a strange-looking diver drift past. It turns out to be the corpse of an old, gay art dealer from Basel. Because Rheinfelden belongs to Aargau, the police department there are in control of the investigations. They arrest a young male prostitute who had also been bathing at Marina. The case seems to be solved. But Hunkeler doesn't buy it. As he's been written off sick, he holds back at first. But over the next few days pieces of art are stolen from different museums in the area, and then a locker explodes at a train station in Rheinfeld. Hunkeler drives to the scenes of the crime and starts to investigate. He finds a clue that leads him to the ›Golden Hand‹ of Rudolf von Rheinfelden, which was stolen by art thieves in Saxony-Anhalt and brought to Basel to be sold there by a Basel art dealer. But he's not the only one hunting for the ›Golden Hand‹ . . .

Book factsheet

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Movie adaptations

2011: *Hunkeler und die Augen des Ödipus. TV-Verfilmung SF 1*

Director: Christian von Castelberg

Screenplay: Dominik Bernet

Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Axel Milberg, Marie Leuenberger

2011: *Silberkiesel. Hunkeler tritt ab*

Director: Markus Fischer

Screenplay: Dominik Bernet

Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi, Charlotte Heinemann, Cynthia Coray und Ercan Durmaz.

2009: *Hunkeler und der Fall Livius*

Director: Stefan Jäger

Screenplay: Dominik Bernet

Cast: Matthias Gnädinger, Klaus Henner Russius, Gilles Tschudi, Jean Pierre Gos

2008: *Hunkeler macht Sachen*

Director: Markus Fischer

Screenplay: Dominik Bernet

Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Charlotte Heinemann, Oliver Tobias

2005: *Tod einer Ärztin*

Director: Markus Fischer

Screenplay: Markus Fischer

Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Charlotte Heinemann, André Jung

2004: *Das Paar im Kahn*

Director: Marie-Louise Bless

Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi, Andrea Bettini

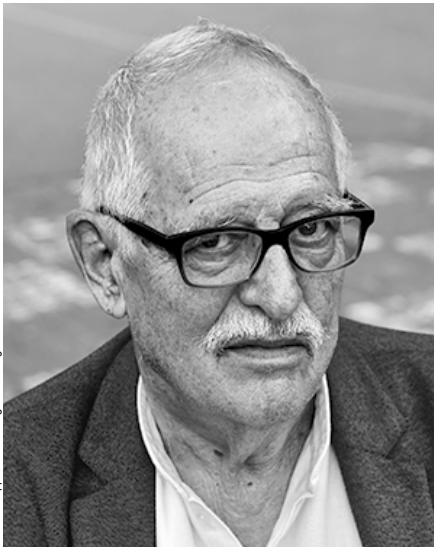
1981: *Sennentuntschi. Fernsehspiel*

Director: Hansjörg Schneider

Cast: Joseph Arnold, Walo Lüönd, Hanspeter Müller-Drossaart, Maja Stolle

Awards

- 2018 ›Ehrendoktor‹ der Philosophisch-Historischen Fakultät der Universität Basel
- 2016 ›Ehrenpreis Burgdorfer Krimitage‹ für *Hunkeler-Reihe*
- 2005 ›Friedrich-Glauser-Preis‹ für *Hunkeler macht Sachen*
- 2003 Schweizer Schillerpreis
- 1998 Wetzlarer Phantastikpreis
- 1986 Aargauer Literaturpreis
- 1986 Literaturpreis der Stadt Basel



Hansjörg Schneider, born in Aarau, Switzerland, in 1938, worked as a teacher and journalist. For a long time, he was one of the most performed playwrights in the German language and his *Hunkeler* crime novels are regularly on the Swiss Bestseller list. Hansjörg Schneider has received numerous awards, among them the »Friedrich Glauser Prize« in 2005. He lives and writes in Basel.

Awards (cont'd)

- 1981 Werkjahr des Kantons Zürich
- 1979 Werkjahr der Pro Helvetia
- 1977 Stipendiat des Berliner Künstlerprogramms (DAAD)
- 1976 »Preis der Welti-Stiftung für das Drama« *Der Erfinder*

Praise

Hansjörg Schneider

»Hansjörg Schneider is a talented and conscientious storyteller.« – Sabine Brandt / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

»Hansjörg Schneider has created a wonderful protagonist: rugged, awkward and likeable.« – Volker Albers / Hamburger Abendblatt

»Hansjörg Schneider's crime stories will have you hooked. As soon as a murderer is caught, you are already longing for the next one to appear.« – Benedikt Scherer / Tages-Anzeiger, Zurich

»Ideal for anyone who enjoys Martin Beck, Wallander and Maigret.« – crimefictionlover.com

»Hansjörg Schneider is very addictive! Definitely one of the greatest German speaking authors.« – Jochen Schmoltd / Plärrer, Nürnberg



Hansjörg Schneider
Spatzen am Brunnen
Aus dem Tagebuch
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Sparrows at the Fountain
208 pages
2023
🏆 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg Schneider
Die Eule über dem Rhein
Diogenes

The Owl over the Rhine
288 pages
2021
🏆 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg Schneider
Hunkeler in der Wildnis
Der zehnte Fall
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Hunkeler in the Wilderness
224 pages
2020
🏆 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg Schneider
Im Café und auf der Straße
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In the Café and on the Street
240 pages
2019



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Kind der Aare
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Child of the Aare
352 pages
2018
🏆 **Bestseller**



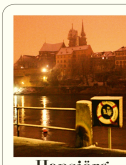
Hansjörg Schneider
Lieber Leo
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Dear Leo
304 pages
2016



Hansjörg Schneider
Hunkelers Geheimnis
Der neunte Fall
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Hunkeler's Secret
208 pages
2015



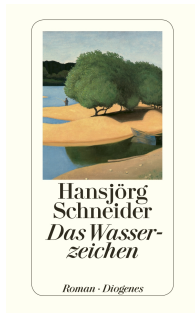
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The Murder of Anton Livius
256 pages
2013
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
🏆 **Bestseller**



The Basel Killings
288 pages
2013

Award winner
 Movie Adaptation



The Watermark
304 pages
2013



Hippos under the House
224 pages
2012



Night Book for Astrid
128 pages
2012



Death of a Doctor
240 pages
2011

Movie Adaptation
 Bestseller



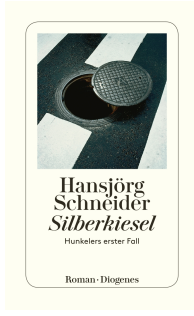
The Couple on the Barge
224 pages
2011

Movie Adaptation
 Bestseller



The Fluttering Man
160 pages
2011

Bestseller



Silver Pebbles
240 pages
2011

Movie Adaptation
 Bestseller



Hunkeler and the Eyes of Oedipus
240 pages
2010

Movie Adaptation
 Bestseller