

Ingrid Noll  
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Roman · Diogenes

Maja and Cora have been friends ever since they were sixteen. They are not easily outdone by men when it comes to daring, and they do not draw too fine a line between trivial offences, murder and manslaughter. Woe betide anyone who gets in the way of their fun in Tuscany! ›Die Häupter meiner Lieben‹ is a dashing novel which describes how the two heroines solve their family problems in their own particular way. In the loveless environment in which she grew up, Maja was known as »elephant«, and the only way she could get what she needed was through petty theft - until she met the mysterious, unfathomable Cora through whose influence she gradually frees herself from her family ties. On the other hand Cora the artist works off her discomfiture on her pictures which are vaguely reminiscent of Judith and Holofernes. And it does not take long for real life to catch up with her paintings... ›Die Häupter meiner Lieben‹ is a fantastic story which is certainly not lacking in charm or chutzpah!

## Book factsheet

Crime Fiction, Contemporary Literature  
288 pages  
June 1993

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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*

### Praise

Ingrid Noll



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 ›Glaser Prize of Honour‹ for her oeuvre.

**Praise (cont'd)**

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

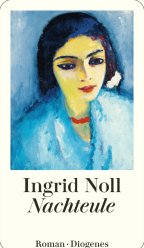
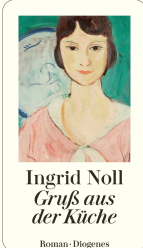






»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / Sonntagszeitung, Zürich

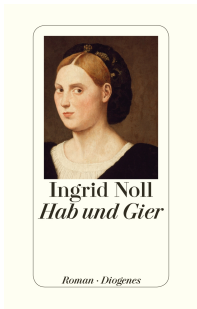
»Ingrid Noll is often referred to as Germany's ›Queen of Crime‹, and she fully deserves this title.« – The Sunday Times, London

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

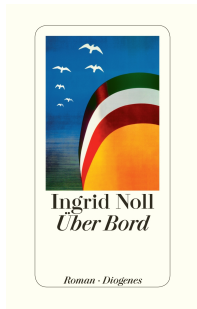
»Ingrid Noll has truly mastered the art of the comic crime novel.« – Ulli Wagner / SR3, Saarbrücken

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

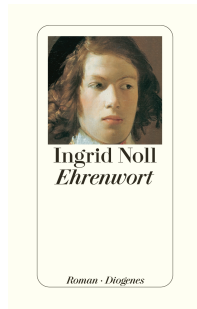
 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Nachteule</i> <small>Roman · Diogenes</small></p> <p><b>The Night Owl</b> 304 pages 2025</p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Gruß aus der Küche</i> <small>Roman · Diogenes</small></p> <p><b>Greetings from the Kitchen</b> 304 pages 2024 <b>Bestseller</b></p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Tea Time</i> <small>Roman · Diogenes</small></p> <p><b>Tea Time</b> 320 pages 2022 <b>Bestseller</b></p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Kein Feuer kann brennen so heiß</i> <small>Roman · Diogenes</small></p> <p><b>Fickle Flames</b> 304 pages 2021 <b>Bestseller</b></p>
 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>In Liebe Dein Karl</i> <small>Diogenes</small></p> <p><b>With Love, Karl</b> 336 pages 2020 <b>Bestseller</b></p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Goldschatz</i> <small>Roman · Diogenes</small></p> <p><b>Good as Gold</b> 368 pages 2019 <b>Bestseller</b></p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Halali</i> <small>Roman · Diogenes</small></p> <p><b>Tally-Ho</b> 320 pages 2017 <b>Bestseller</b></p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Der Mittagstisch</i> <small>Roman · Diogenes</small></p> <p><b>Lunchtime</b> 224 pages 2015 <b>Bestseller</b></p>



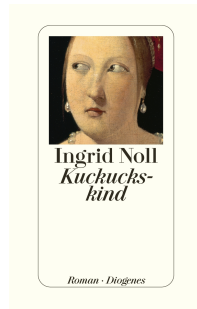
**Ingrid Noll**  
*Hab und Gier*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Till Greed Do Us Part  
256 pages  
2014  
📺 **Bestseller**



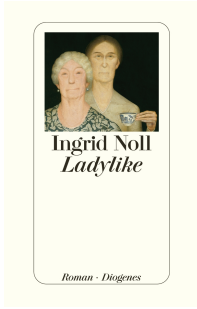
**Ingrid Noll**  
*Über Bord*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Overboard  
336 pages  
2012  
📺 **Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll**  
*Ehrenwort*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Word of Honour  
336 pages  
2010  
📺 **Bestseller**



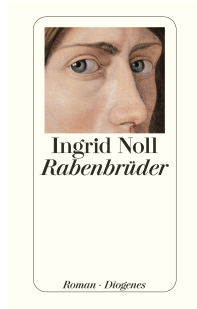
**Ingrid Noll**  
*Kuckucks-kind*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Cuckoo's Child  
352 pages  
2008  
📺 **Bestseller**



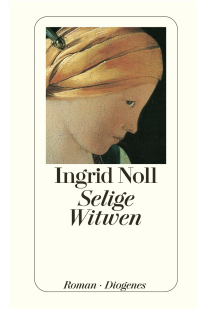
**Ingrid Noll**  
*Ladylike*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Ladylike  
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2006  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
📺 **Bestseller**



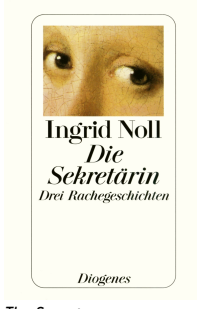
**Ingrid Noll**  
*Falsche Zungen*  
Diogenes  
False Tongues  
256 pages  
2004  
📺 **Bestseller**



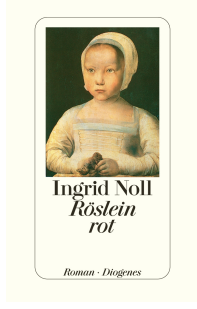
**Ingrid Noll**  
*Rabenbrüder*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Rabenbrüder  
288 pages  
2003  
📺 **Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll**  
*Selige Witwen*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Blissfully Widowed  
272 pages  
2001  
📺 **Bestseller**



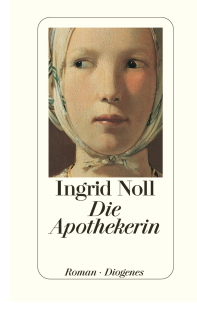
**Ingrid Noll**  
*Die Sekretärin*  
*Drei Rachegeschichten*  
Diogenes  
The Secretary  
96 pages  
2000  
📺 **Bestseller**



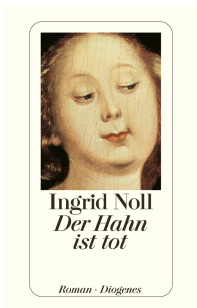
**Ingrid Noll**  
*Röstein rot*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Red Rose  
288 pages  
1998  
📺 **Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll**  
*Kalt ist der Abendhauch*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Cold is the Evening's Breeze  
256 pages  
1996  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
📺 **Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll**  
*Die Apothekerin*  
Roman · Diogenes  
The Pharmacist  
256 pages  
1994  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
📺 **Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll**  
*Der Hahn ist tot*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Hell Hath No Fury  
272 pages  
1991  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
📺 **Bestseller**