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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

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288 pages
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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



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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 ›Glauser Prize of Honour‹ for her oeuvre.

Praise (cont'd)

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

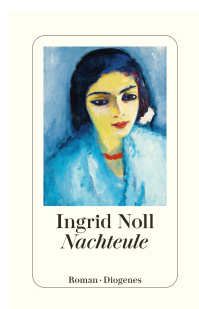
»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / SonntagsZeitung, Zürich

»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



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



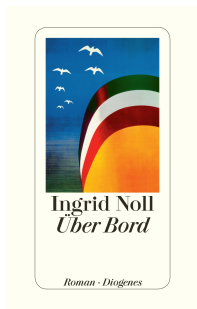
Tally-Ho
320 pages
2017
Bestseller



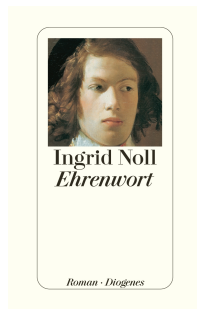
Lunchtime
224 pages
2015
Bestseller



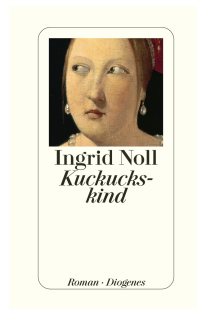
Ingrid Noll
Hab und Gier
Roman · Diogenes
Till Greed Do Us Part
256 pages
2014
🏆 Bestseller



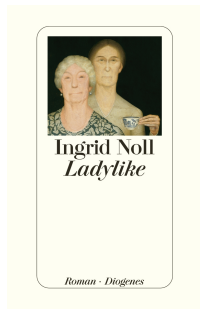
Ingrid Noll
Über Bord
Roman · Diogenes
Overboard
336 pages
2012
🏆 Bestseller



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



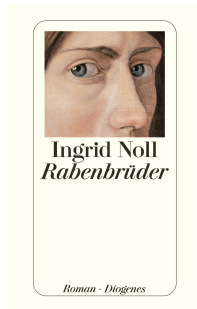
Ingrid Noll
Kuckucks-kind
Roman · Diogenes
Cuckoo's Child
352 pages
2008
🏆 Bestseller



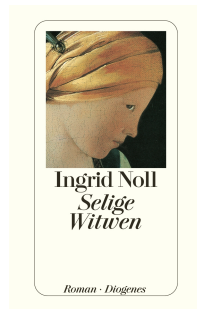
Ingrid Noll
Ladylike
Roman · Diogenes
Ladylike
336 pages
2006
🎬 Movie Adaptation
🏆 Bestseller



Ingrid Noll
Falsche Zungen
Diogenes
False Tongues
256 pages
2004
🏆 Bestseller



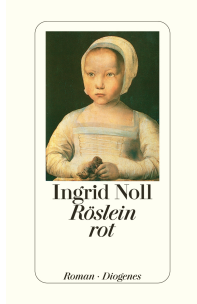
Ingrid Noll
Rabenbrüder
Roman · Diogenes
Rabenbrüder
288 pages
2003
🏆 Bestseller



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



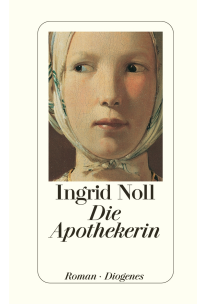
Ingrid Noll
Die Sekretärin
Drei Rachegeschichten
Diogenes
The Secretary
96 pages
2000
🏆 Bestseller



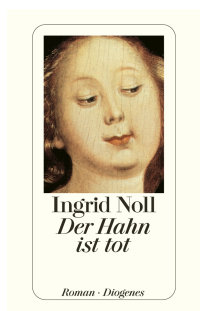
Ingrid Noll
Röstein rot
Roman · Diogenes
Red Rose
288 pages
1998
🏆 Bestseller



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