

Diogenes

Martin Suter
The Chef

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Martin Suter *Der Koch*

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Maravan, 33, a Tamil asylum seeker, is working as a kitchen hand in a top hotel in Zurich, at a level far below his abilities. For Maravan is a gifted and passionate cook. In Sri Lanka his great aunt had introduced him to the art of cooking, and not least into the secrets of aphrodisiac cuisine. When he is fired, his colleague Andrea encourages him into a deal of a very special kind: joint catering for love menus. At first they cook for couples with whom they are put in touch by a sex therapist. But word gets around about the success of Love Food, and a much wealthier clientele starts showing an interest: men from the world of politics and business – and from the grey zones on their margins. Maravan is worried that the business could become ›unsavoury‹ – and indeed it does. But he is in urgent need of the money in order to enable his family back in Sri Lanka to survive.

Book factsheet

General Fiction
320 pages
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French
Italian (Sellerio)
Romanian (Litera)
Spanish/world (Lumen)

Bestseller

#1 Spiegel Bestseller
#1 Swiss Bestseller
#1 Austrian Bestseller

Movie adaptations

2022: Alles über Martin Suter. Ausser die Wahrheit.
Director: André Schäfer
Screenplay: André Schäfer
Cast: Bekannte und unbekannte Schauspieler

2021: Allmen und das Geheimnis der Erotik
Director: Thomas Berger
Screenplay: Martin Rauhaus
Cast: Heino Ferch, Samuel Finzi, Christoph Bach, Isabella Parkinson

2019: Allmen und das Geheimnis der Dahlien
Director: Thomas Berger
Screenplay: Martin Rauhaus
Cast: Heino Ferch, Samuel Finzi, Andrea Osvárt, Katharina Schüttler, Udo Samel

2017: Allmen und das Geheimnis der Libellen
Director: Thomas Berger
Screenplay: Martin Rauhaus
Cast: Heino Ferch, Samuel Finzi, Andrea Osvárt

2017: Allmen und das Geheimnis des rosa Diamanten
Director: Thomas Berger
Screenplay: Martin Rauhaus
Cast: Heino Ferch, Samuel Finzi, Andrea Osvárt

2015: Die dunkle Seite des Mondes
Director: Stephan Rick
Screenplay: Catharina Junk
Cast: Moritz Bleibtreu, Nora von Waldstätten und Jürgen Prochnow

2014: Der Koch
Director: Ralf Huettner
Screenplay: Ruth Toma
Cast: Jessica Schwarz, Hamza Jeetooa und Hanspeter Müller-Drossaart.

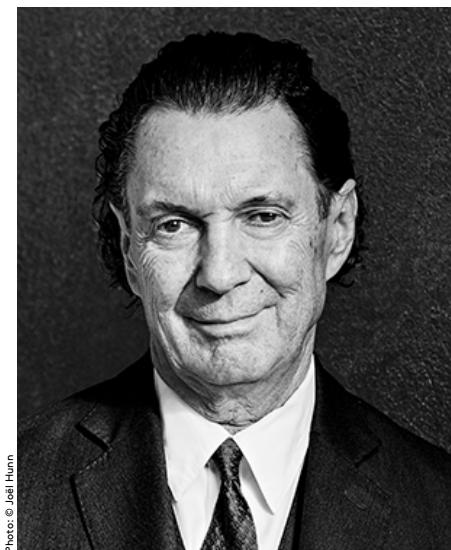
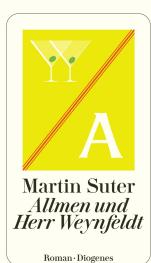


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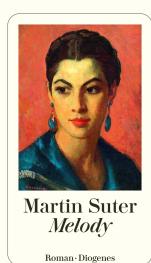
Martin Suter was born in Zurich in 1948. His novels and his *Business Class* stories have seen huge international success. Since 2011 he has also been writing crime novels featuring Allmen, the gentleman thief, a series that is currently at seven books. A documentary film about Martin Suter was released in 2022 and screened at the Locarno Film Festival. Martin Suter lives with his family in Zurich.



No Need to Shout Like That
272 pages
2024



Allmen and Mr Weynfeldt
224 pages
2024
Bestseller



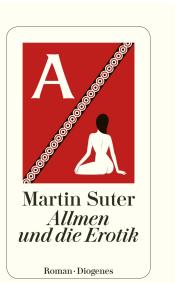
Melody
336 pages
2023
Bestseller



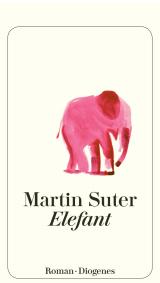
Why Are We All So Serious?
272 pages
2021
Bestseller



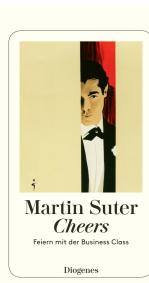
Allmen and the Koi
224 pages
2019
Bestseller



Allmen and the Erotic Figurines
272 pages
2018
Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



Elephant
352 pages
2017
Bestseller



Cheers
224 pages
2016

🎬 Movie adaptations (cont'd)

2012: Der Teufel von Mailand (TV)

Director: Markus Welter
Screenplay: Thomas Berger
Cast: Regula Grauwiler, Ina Weisse, Max Simonischek

2011: Nachtlärm

Director: Christoph Schaub
Screenplay: Martin Suter
Cast: Alexandra Maria Lara, Sebastian Blomberg

2010: Small World

Director: Bruno Chiche
Screenplay: Bruno Chiche
Cast: Gérard Depardieu, Alexandra Maria Lara, Niels Arestrup, Nathalie Baye, Yannick Renier

2010: Der letzte Weynfeldt / TV

Director: Alain Gspöner
Screenplay: Alex Buresch
Cast: Marie Bäumer, Stefan Kurt

2009: Giulias Verschwinden

Director: Christoph Schaub
Screenplay: Martin Suter
Cast: Corinna Harfouch, Bruno Ganz, Stefan Kurt

2008/2009: Lila, Lila

Director: Alain Gspöner
Screenplay: Alexander Buresch
Cast: Daniel Brühl, Hannah Herzsprung, Henry Hübchen

2006: Un ami parfait

Director: Francis Girod
Screenplay: Philippe Cougrand
Cast: Antoine de Caunes, Carole Bouquet, Martina Gedeck

1999: Beresina oder Die letzten Tage der Schweiz

Director: Daniel Schmid
Cast: Elena Panova, Geraldine Chaplin, Martin Benrath

🏆 Awards

- 2019 →Platin Award← von Universal Schweiz an Martin Suter und Stephan Eicher für 20'000 verkaufte Song Books
- 2018 Doppelte Charts-Auszeichnung für Song Book: →Nummer 1 Award der Offiziellen Schweizer Hitparade← für Stephan Eicher und Martin Suter und →Nummer 1 Award der Schweizer Bestsellerliste← für Martin Suter
- 2018 Song Book ist eines der 25 →Schönsten deutschen Bücher← der Stiftung Buchkunst
- 2015 →Literaturpreis des Wirtschaftsclubs← im Literaturhaus Stuttgart für Montecristo
- 2010 →Swift-Preis← der Stiftung Marktwirtschaft für Wirtschaftssatire in Kronberg, Frankfurt a. M., für seine Business Class-Kolumnen
- 2010 →SwissAward← vom Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen (SRF) in der Kategorie Kultur

❖ Awards (cont'd)

- 2007 »Friedrich-Glauser-Preis« in der Sparte Kriminalroman für *Der Teufel von Mailand*
- 2003 »Deutscher Krimipreis« (Platz 2) in der Kategorie »National« des Bochumer Krimi-Archivs für den Roman *Ein perfekter Freund*
- 2002 In der Reihe »Das Literarische Quartal« des Kulturmagazins »Aspekte« im ZDF wurde *Ein perfekter Freund* zum Quartalsbuch Frühjahr 2002 gewählt
- 1998 »Prix du premier roman étranger« für *Small World* in französischer Übersetzung
- 1997 Ehrengabe des Kantons Zürich für *Small World*
- 1995 Preis der österreichischen Industrie am Joseph-Roth-Wettbewerb in Klagenfurt für die Kolumne *Business Class*
- 1987 »Best Screenplay« beim Festival des phantastischen Films in Sitges für *Jenatsch*

Praise

The Chef

»Martin Suter is a virtuoso in the refined drawing together of strands of plot.« – *Tages Anzeiger*, Zurich

»Simply fantastic!« – *Neon*, Munich

»Suter's success is phenomenal.« – *NZZ am Sonntag*

»A smooth design-bestseller« – *Der Spiegel*, Hamburg

»An oeuvre, which is remarkable documented, with a rhythm as captivating as appetising.« – *Le Monde*, Paris

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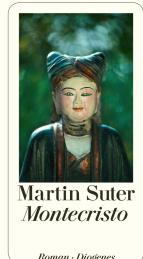
»Suter's gaze is fresh and wicked, his ear for dialogue infallible, his literature greatly skilful.« – *Constantin Seibt / Die Wochenzeitung*, Zurich

»There is charm, irony, and undeniable elegance in Martin Suter's novels, who is probably one of the best contemporary authors.« – *Pascal Bruckner / Le Nouvel Observateur*, Paris

»Martin Suter will always surprise you. Each new novel is a challenge and an adventure.« – *Les Echos*, Paris

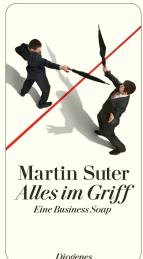
»Martin Suter reaches a huge audience with his novels. He writes exciting, well-constructed and almost cinematic stories; he captures his readers with lean, artful plots.« – *Wolfgang Höbel / Der Spiegel*, Hamburg

»Suter's writing is filmic – fast-paced, taut, with succinct dialogue.« – *Martin Ebel / Tages-Anzeiger*, Zurich



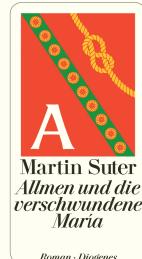
Martin Suter
Montecristo

Roman · Diogenes
320 pages
2015
Award winner
Bestseller



Martin Suter
Alles im Griff
Eine Business-Saga

Roman · Diogenes
128 pages
2014



Martin Suter
Allmen und die verschwundene Maria

Roman · Diogenes
224 pages
2014
Bestseller



Martin Suter
Allmen und die Dahlien

Roman · Diogenes
224 pages
2013
Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



Martin Suter
Die Zeit, die Zeit

Roman · Diogenes
304 pages
2012
Bestseller



Martin Suter
Allmen und der rosa Diamant

Roman · Diogenes
224 pages
2011
Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



Martin Suter
Allmen und die Libellen

Roman · Diogenes
208 pages
2011
Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



Martin Suter
Das Bonus-Geheimnis
und andere Geschichten aus der Business Class

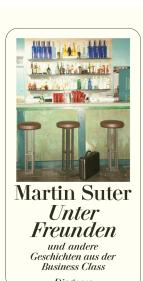
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192 pages
2009



Martin Suter
Der letzte Weynfeldt

Roman · Diogenes
320 pages
2008
Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



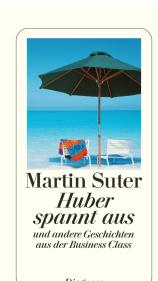
Martin Suter
Unter Freunden
und andere Geschichten aus der Business Class

Diogenes
208 pages
2007
Bestseller



Martin Suter
Der Teufel von Mailand

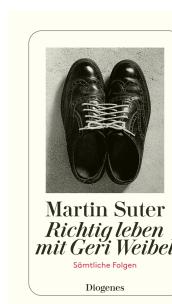
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Huber spannt aus
und andere Geschichten aus der Business Class

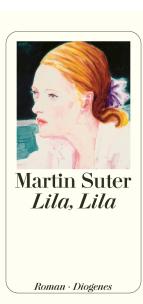
Diogenes

Roman · Diogenes
192 pages
2005



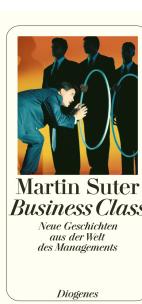
Martin Suter
Richtig leben mit Geri Weibel
Sämtliche Folgen

Diogenes



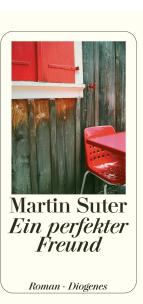
Martin Suter
Lila, Lila

Roman · Diogenes
352 pages
2004
Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



Martin Suter
Business Class II
Neue Geschichten aus der Welt des Managements

Diogenes
240 pages
2002



Martin Suter
Ein perfekter Freund

Roman · Diogenes

Roman · Diogenes
352 pages
2002
Award winner
Movie Adaptation
Bestseller

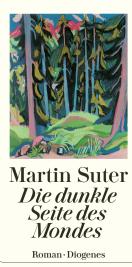
Living Right With Geri Weibel
224 pages
2005

Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



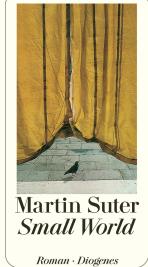
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Business Class
Geschichten aus der Welt
des Managements

Diogenes



Martin Suter
*Die dunkle
Seite des
Mondes*

Roman - Diogenes



Martin Suter
Small World

Roman - Diogenes

Business Class I
240 pages
2000

Heart icon: Award winner

The Dark Side of the Moon
320 pages
2000

Heart icon: Movie Adaptation
Star icon: Bestseller

Small World
336 pages
1997

Heart icon: Award winner
Star icon: Movie Adaptation
Star icon: Bestseller