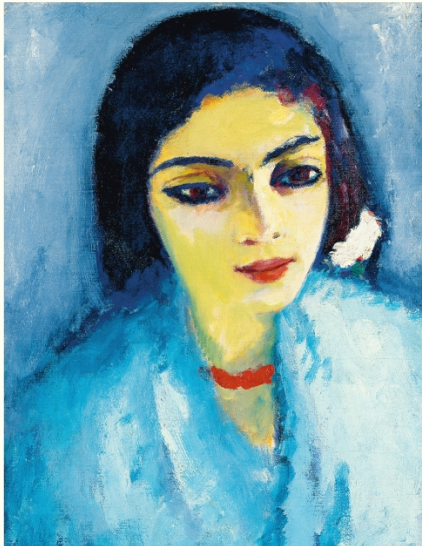


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The Night Owl

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Luisa, 15, who was adopted from Peru as a baby, has a sheltered upbringing with affluent parents. She has a special gift: Luisa can see in the dark. When she encounters a young homeless man in the nearby woods, she takes him to her heart. Tim relies on her help and her willingness to conceal him, because he has every reason to remain invisible. Luisa's gift turns her into an accomplice, entangling her in a web of lies and crime that becomes harder and harder to escape.

Book factsheet

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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

The Night Owl



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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 ›Glaser Prize of Honour‹ for her oeuvre.

Praise (cont'd)

»Ingrid Noll proves that she hasn't lost any of her narrative strength.« – Frankfurter Rundschau

»Equipped with a refined sense for irony, as a gift from an author with a command of the register of edginess to sarcasm.« – Rose-Maria Gropp / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

Ingrid Noll

»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



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



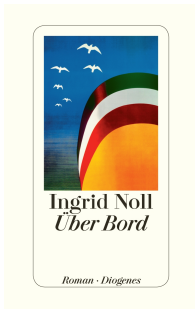
Tally-Ho
320 pages
2017
Bestseller



Lunchtime
224 pages
2015
Bestseller



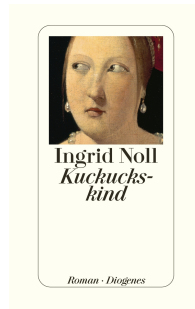
Till Greed Do Us Part
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2014
Bestseller



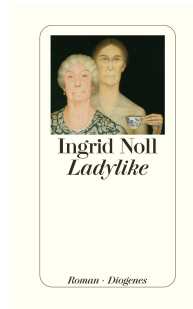
Overboard
336 pages
2012
🏆 **Bestseller**



Word of Honour
336 pages
2010
🏆 **Bestseller**



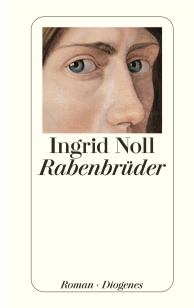
Cuckoo's Child
352 pages
2008
🏆 **Bestseller**



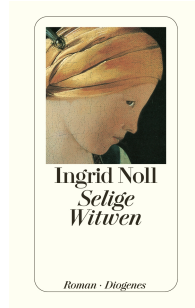
Ladylike
336 pages
2006
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
🏆 **Bestseller**



False Tongues
256 pages
2004
🏆 **Bestseller**



Rabenbrüder
288 pages
2003
🏆 **Bestseller**



Blissfully Widowed
272 pages
2001
🏆 **Bestseller**



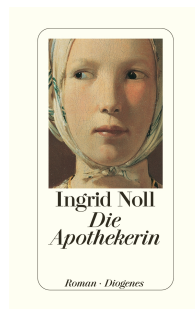
The Secretary
96 pages
2000
🏆 **Bestseller**



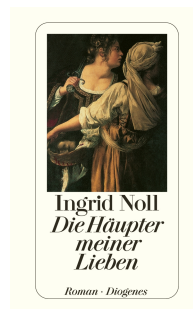
Red Rose
288 pages
1998
🏆 **Bestseller**



Cold is the Evening's Breeze
256 pages
1996
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
🏆 **Bestseller**



The Pharmacist
256 pages
1994
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
🏆 **Bestseller**



Head Count
288 pages
1993
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
🏆 **Bestseller**



Hell Hath No Fury
272 pages
1991
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
🏆 **Bestseller**