

Diogenes

Hansjörg Schneider
Silver Pebbles

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Hansjörg Schneider *Silberkiesel*

Hunkelers erster Fall

Roman · Diogenes

The hunt for diamonds belonging to the drugs mafia is keeping Inspector Hunkeler on tenterhooks. A Lebanese courier gets rid of his wares before the police can seize him. The diamonds are found by a canal worker, who is determined to keep his lucky find. But the courier will do anything to get them back. With this, his first case, Inspector Peter Hunkeler from Basel makes his literary debut.

Book factsheet

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English/world (Bitter Lemon)
French (Le Verger)
Persian (Aftabkaran)

Bestseller

Swiss Bestseller

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*

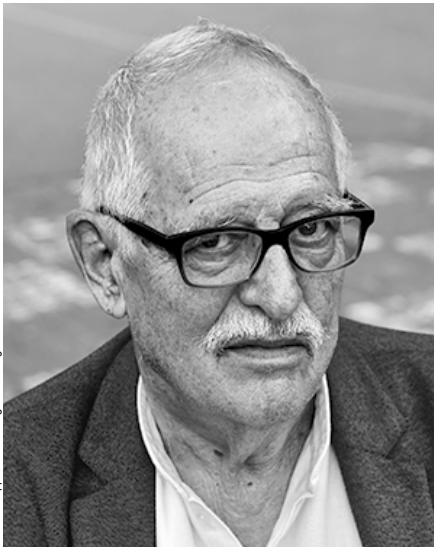
Director: Markus Fischer
Screenplay: Markus Fischer
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Charlotte Heinemann, André Jung

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



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

- 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
- 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

Silver Pebbles

›This silver pebble is in truth a little diamond.«
– Die Presse, Vienna

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
Diogenes

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
Roman · Diogenes

Hunkeler in the Wilderness
224 pages
2020

Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider
Im Café und auf der Straße
Diogenes

In the Café and on the Street
240 pages
2019



Hansjörg Schneider
Kind der Aare
Diogenes

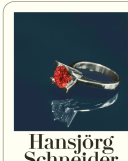
Child of the Aare
352 pages
2018

Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider
Lieber Leo
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Dear Leo
304 pages
2016



Hansjörg Schneider
Hunkelers Geheimnis
Der neunte Fall
Roman · Diogenes

Hunkeler's Secret
208 pages
2015



Hansjörg Schneider
Hunkeler und die goldene Hand
Der siebte Fall
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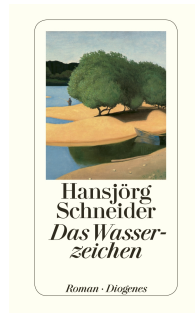
Hunkeler and the ›Golden Hand‹
240 pages
2013



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



The Basel Killings
288 pages
2013
🏆 **Award winner**
📺 **Movie Adaptation**



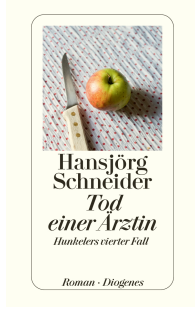
The Watermark
304 pages
2013



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**



Hankeler and the Eyes of Oedipus
240 pages
2010
📺 **Movie Adaptation**
🏆 **Bestseller**