

# Diogenes

Hansjörg Schneider  
*The Murder of Anton Livius*

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## Hansjörg Schneider *Hunkeler und der Fall Livius* *Der sechste Fall*

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In his sixth case the Basel inspector Peter Hunkeler is confronted with a murder, which, at federal level, becomes a rather sensitive case that's more suited for the historians than the police. A man's corpse is found on New Year's Day in an allotment on the outskirts of Basel, on land that comes under French jurisdiction. The dead man had been shot, but was found hanging on a butcher's hook from the roof of his garden shed – just like butchers hang the carcasses of dead animals. The Basel police are not allowed to investigate the scene of the crime – the French crime department in Alsatian Colmar are the ones in charge here. Before long the identity of the dead man is revealed. He was Swiss, living in Basel, but is it really Anton Flückiger? The clues lead to Alsace, and to the affluent Emmental in Berne, and then events from the last weeks of the Second World War suddenly come to light, the wounds of which have never healed in Alsace ...

## Book factsheet

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

### Bestseller

Swiss Bestseller

### Movie adaptations

**2011: Silberkiesel.** Hunkeler tritt ab  
Director: Markus Fischer  
Screenplay: Dominik Bernet  
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi,  
Charlotte Heinemann, Cynthia Coray und Ercan  
Durmaz.

**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

**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



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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

### *The Murder of Anton Livius*

»Once more, Schneider proves himself to be a master of atmospheric detail. We can only hope that the lazy days of retirement don't cause Hunkeler to lose his investigative side.« – NZZ am Sonntag, Zurich

»A deftly crafted crime thriller [...], an eloquent, compelling, and unreservedly recommended addition to personal reading lists and community library Mystery/Suspense collections.« – Midwest Book Review

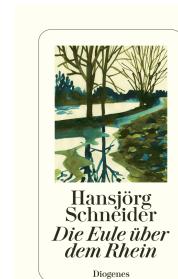
### Hansjörg Schneider

»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

»Hansjörg Schneider is very addictive! Definitely one of the greatest German speaking authors.« – Jochen Schmoldt / Plärrer, Nürnberg

»Hansjörg Schneider is a talented and conscientious storyteller.« – Sabine Brandt / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung



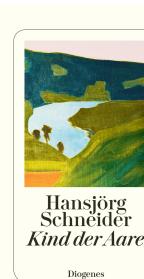
The Owl over the Rhine  
288 pages  
2021  
❖ Bestseller



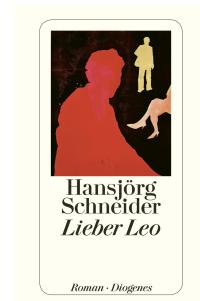
Hunkeler in the  
Wilderness  
224 pages  
2020  
❖ Bestseller



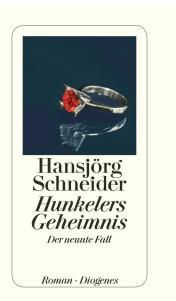
In the Café and on the  
Street  
240 pages  
2019



Child of the Aare  
352 pages  
2018  
❖ Bestseller



Dear Leo  
304 pages  
2016



Hunkeler's Secret  
208 pages  
2015



Hunkeler and the  
>Golden Hand<  
240 pages  
2013



The Basel Killings  
288 pages  
2013  
❖ Award winner  
Movie Adaptation



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Das Wasserzeichen*

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The Watermark  
304 pages  
2013



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Nilpferde unter dem Haus*

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Hippos under the House  
224 pages  
2012



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Nachtbuch für Astrid*  
*Von der Liebe, von Sterben, von Freundschaft und darüber, den geliebten Menschen verlor zu haben*

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Night Book for Astrid  
128 pages  
2012



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Tod einer Ärztin*  
*Hunkelers vierter Fall*

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Death of a Doctor  
240 pages  
2011

Movie Adaptation  
Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Das Paar im Kahn*  
*Hunkelers dritter Fall*

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The Couple on the Barge  
224 pages  
2011

Movie Adaptation  
Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Flattermann*

Hunkelers zweiter Fall

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The Fluttering Man  
160 pages  
2011

Movie Adaptation

Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Silberkiesel*

Hunkelers erster Fall

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Silver Pebbles  
240 pages  
2011

Movie Adaptation  
Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Hunkeler und die Augen des Oedipus*

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Hunkeler and the Eyes of Oedipus  
240 pages  
2010

Movie Adaptation  
Bestseller