

**Ingrid Noll**  
***The Pharmacist***

Published by Diogenes as *Die Apothekerin*  
Original title: *Die Apothekerin*



Would you confide your life confession to Rosemarie Hirte? You don't know who that is? – Then you are no different from Hella Moormann who has this nondescript, unknown person in the bed next to her in the Heidelberg gynaecological hospital. Night for night Hella tells Rosemarie about her life in order to while away the long hospital nights. The old maid does not pay much attention to her, drops off repeatedly, or so Hella thinks, so that she finally also confesses some matters to her which she has never confided to anybody before. Hella, a pharmacist by profession, suffers from an urge to rescue and mother people, which is responsible for her landing with the wrong men time and again – and in the most fantastic of situations: an inheritance which has certain drawbacks, drugs, dangerous dentures, a happy-go-lucky student and a child with several fathers are all involved. And not to be forgotten, Rosemarie Hirte in the role of an unpredictable mother confessor...

## Book factsheet

Crime fiction, General Fiction  
256 pages  
11.6 x 18.4 cm  
August 1994

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### Translation rights currently sold:

Chinese/CN (Shanghai Haolin)  
French (Leduc.s)  
Ukrainian (Hemiro)

### 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: *Der Hahn ist tot*

Director: Hermine Hunthgeburd  
Cast: Gisela Schneeberger, August Zirner

#### 1999: *Die Häupter meiner Lieben*

Director: Hans-Günther Bücking  
Cast: Heike Makatsch, Christiane Paul

#### 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

- 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*



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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

### *The Pharmacist*

»Family problems have probably never been solved in such an unusual way.« – Newmag, Munich

### 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

»Still the most original crime writer in the German language.« – Christel Freitag / NDR Kultur, Hamburg

»Ingrid Noll has truly mastered the art of the comic crime novel.« – Ulli Wagner / SR3, Saarbrücken



*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**



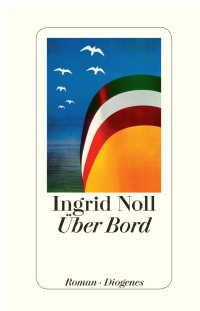
*Tally-Ho*  
320 pages  
2017  
**Bestseller**



*Lunchtime*  
224 pages  
2015  
**Bestseller**



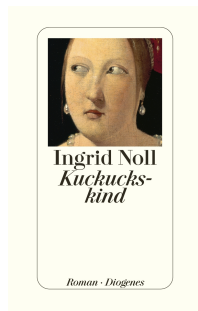
*Till Greed Do Us Part*  
256 pages  
2014  
**Bestseller**



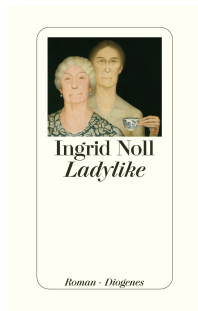
**Overboard**  
336 pages  
2012  
🏆 Bestseller



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



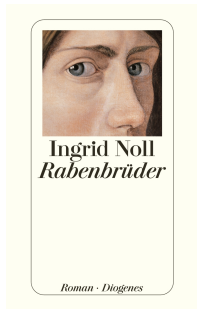
**Cuckoo's Child**  
352 pages  
2008  
🏆 Bestseller



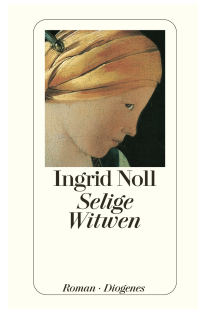
**Ladylike**  
336 pages  
2006  
📺 Movie Adaptation  
🏆 Bestseller



**False Tongues**  
256 pages  
2004  
🏆 Bestseller



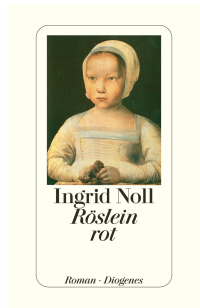
**Rabenbrüder**  
288 pages  
2003  
🏆 Bestseller



**Blissfully Widowed**  
272 pages  
2001  
🏆 Bestseller



**The Secretary**  
96 pages  
2000  
🏆 Bestseller



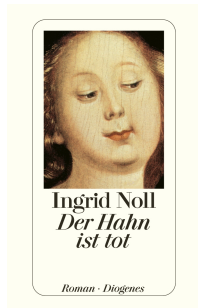
**Red Rose**  
288 pages  
1998  
🏆 Bestseller



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



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



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