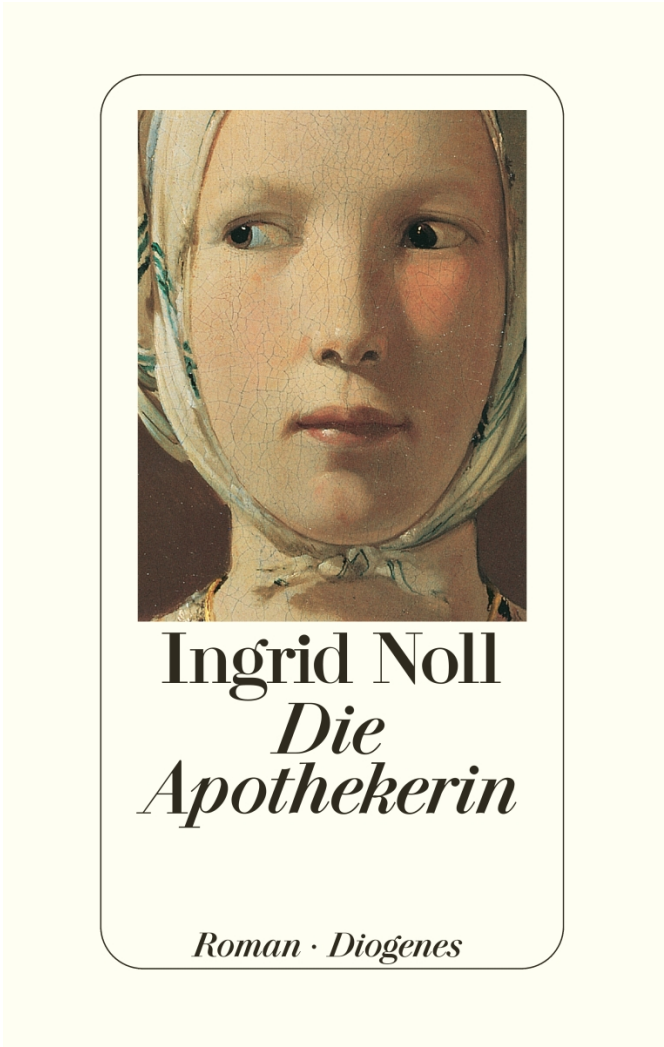
Diogenes

Book factsheet

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...

Crime Fiction, Contemporary Literature
256 pages
11.6 × 18.4 cm
August 1994

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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: Die Häupter meiner Lieben
Director: Hans-Günther Bücking
Cast: Heike Makatsch, Christiane Paul

1999: Der Hahn ist tot
Director: Hermine Hunthgeburt
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

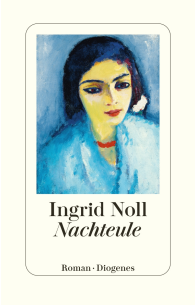
Awards

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*



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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 ›Glauser Prize of Honour‹ for her oeuvre.



The Night Owl
304 pages
2025



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

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

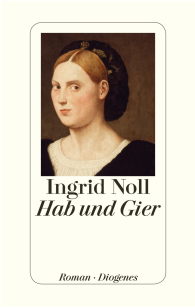
»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / SonntagsZeitung, Zürich

»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

»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



Till Greed Do Us Part
256 pages
2014
Bestseller



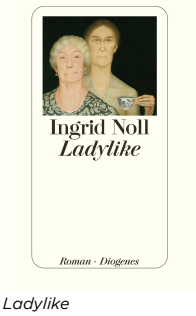
Overboard
336 pages
2012
Bestseller



Word of Honour
336 pages
2010
Bestseller



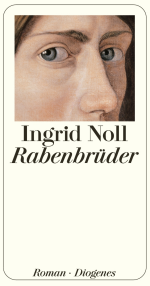
Cuckoo's Child
352 pages
2008
Bestseller



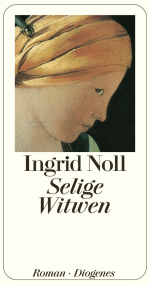
Ladylike
336 pages
2006
Movie Adaptation
Bestseller



False Tongues
256 pages
2004
Bestseller



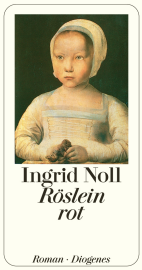
Rabenbrüder
288 pages
2003
Bestseller



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