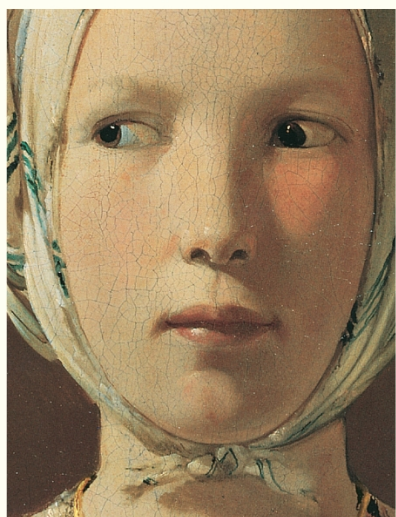


**Ingrid Noll**  
***The Pharmacist***

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, Contemporary Literature  
256 pages  
11.6 x 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: Fritz 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 Hunthgeburst  
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.

## 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

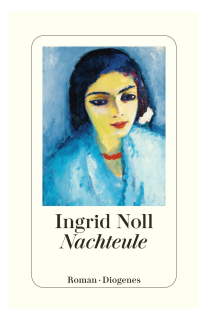
»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / SonntagsZeitung, Zürich

»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



*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**



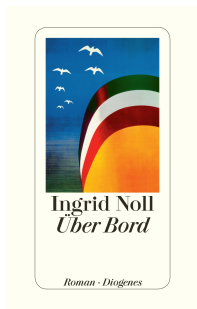
*Tally-Ho*  
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2017  
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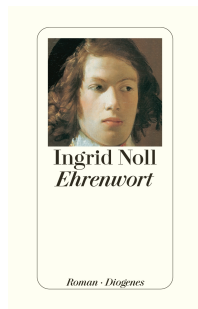
*Lunchtime*  
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2015  
**Bestseller**



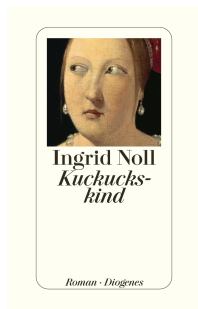
**Ingrid Noll**  
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Roman · Diogenes  
Till Greed Do Us Part  
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2014  
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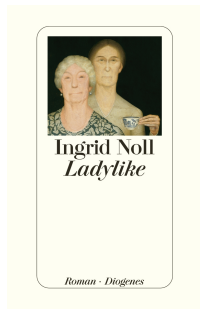
**Ingrid Noll**  
*Über Bord*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Overboard  
336 pages  
2012  
📺 Bestseller



**Ingrid Noll**  
*Ehrenwort*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Word of Honour  
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2010  
📺 Bestseller



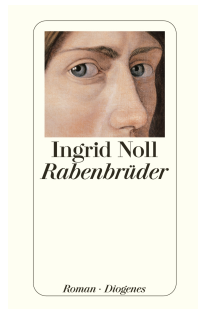
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*Kuckucks-kind*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Cuckoo's Child  
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2008  
📺 Bestseller



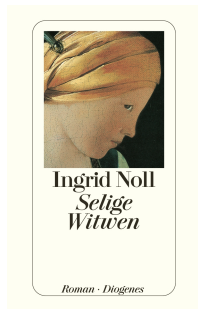
**Ingrid Noll**  
*Ladylike*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Ladylike  
336 pages  
2006  
📺 Movie Adaptation  
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**Ingrid Noll**  
*Falsche Zungen*  
Diogenes  
False Tongues  
256 pages  
2004  
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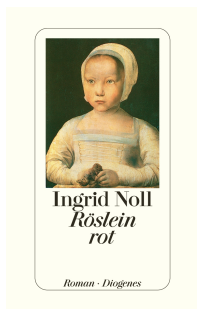
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*Rabenbrüder*  
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288 pages  
2003  
📺 Bestseller



**Ingrid Noll**  
*Selige Witwen*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Blissfully Widowed  
272 pages  
2001  
📺 Bestseller



**Ingrid Noll**  
*Die Sekretärin*  
Drei Rachegeschichten  
Diogenes  
The Secretary  
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2000  
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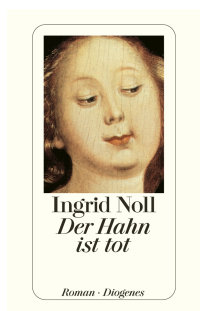
**Ingrid Noll**  
*Röstein rot*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Red Rose  
288 pages  
1998  
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*Kalt ist der Abendhauch*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Cold is the Evening's Breeze  
256 pages  
1996  
📺 Movie Adaptation  
📺 Bestseller



**Ingrid Noll**  
*Die Häupter meiner Lieben*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Head Count  
288 pages  
1993  
📺 Movie Adaptation  
📺 Bestseller



**Ingrid Noll**  
*Der Hahn ist tot*  
Roman · Diogenes  
Hell Hath No Fury  
272 pages  
1991  
📺 Movie Adaptation  
📺 Bestseller