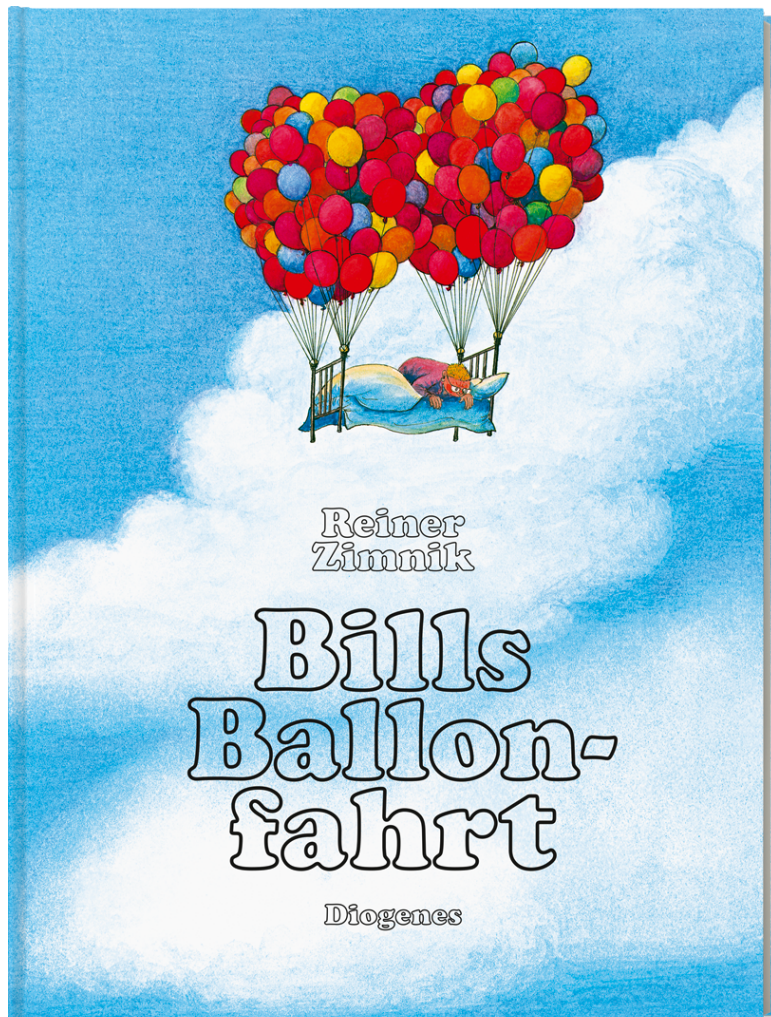


**Reiner Zimnik**  
***Bill's Balloon Ride***

Published by Diogenes as *Bills Ballonfahrt*  
Original title: *Bills Ballonfahrt*



This is the story of Bill, who has lost interest in all of his toys and has only one thing on his mind: Flying! For his birthday he comes up with a plan: From all of his friends and relatives he asks for only one present – balloons. As many and as large as can be. The following night he goes on a miraculous adventure with all the colourful balloons and his bed as an airship.

## Book factsheet

Children's books  
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23 x 31 cm  
January 1972

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- 1994 Bayerischer Poetentaler der Münchner  
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- 1958 Förderpreis Literatur, Literaturpreis der  
Stadt München

**Praise**

***Bill's Balloon Ride***

»This is the work of a high-calibre artist.« – Die  
Presse, Vienna

**Reiner Zimnik**

»Zimnik is a poet, a headstrong, meditative  
poet.« – Neue Zürcher Zeitung

»An illustrator who tells tales, and a teller of  
tales who draws.« – Basler Zeitung

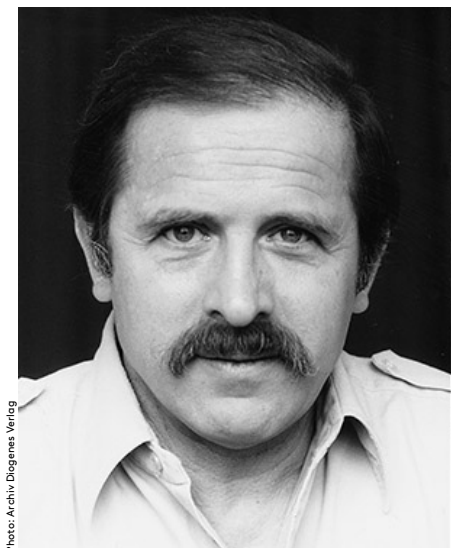
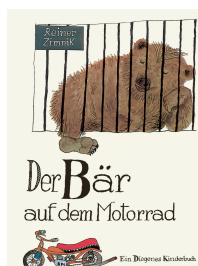


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Reiner Zimnik (1930 - 2021) was born in Bytom, grew up in Lower Bavaria, and drew from the age of four. After an apprenticeship as a cabinet-maker and studying at the Academy of Fine Arts in Munich he continued to live in the city as a poet, illustrator and painter. Reiner Zimnik was awarded a number of prizes (including the ›Eichendorff Prize‹, ›Munich Art Prize for Graphic Design‹ and a scholarship at the Villa-Massimo).

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*The Bear on the  
Motorbike*  
32 pages  
1963