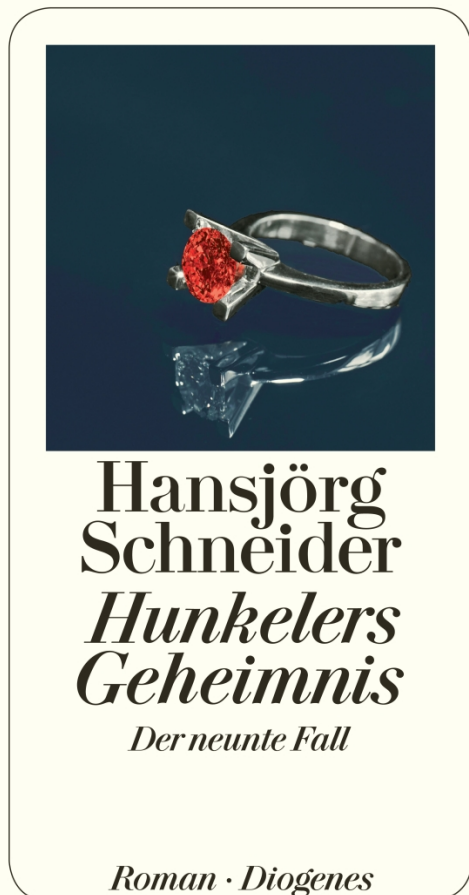


Hansjörg Schneider
Hunkeler's Secret

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Peter Hunkeler, now a retired inspector of the Basel police force, hospitalized following surgery and shared the room with an old acquaintance: Stephan Fankhauser, a colourful character. Once a wild member of the 1968 student movement, over the course of the years he made his way through the institutions and became director of a bank. Now Fankhauser is seriously ill. One night, Hunkeler had just been given a sleeping pill, he noticed a nurse with a ruby ring on her hand administering an injection to the fellow patient. Strangely, Fankhauser is resisting it intently. And does not the night nurse usually wear a diamond ring? The next morning, when Hunkeler wakes up, Fankhauser is dead. Was it all just a dream? Hunkeler is not sure, but he resolves to get to the bottom of the matter.

Book factsheet

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Movie adaptations

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

2011: Silberkiesel. Hunkeler tritt ab

Director: Markus Fischer

Screenplay: Dominik Bernet

Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi, Charlotte Heinemann, Cynthia Coray und Ercan Durmaz.

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

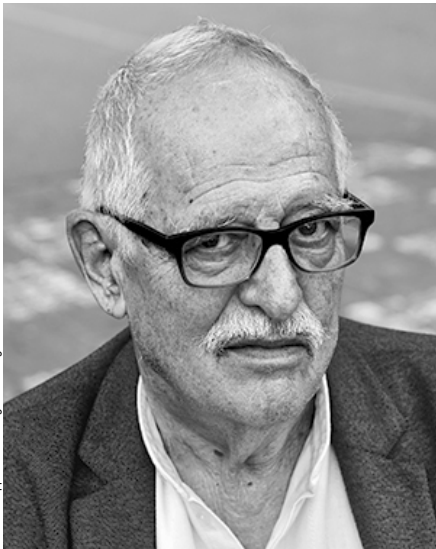
1981: Sennentuntschi. Fernsehspiel

Director: Hansjörg Schneider

Cast: Joseph Arnold, Walo Lüönd, Hanspeter Müller-Drossaart, Maja Stolle

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*



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 (cont'd)

- 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

Hansjörg Schneider

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

›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

›Ideal for anyone who enjoys Martin Beck, Wallander and Maigret.« – crimefictionlover.com

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



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2023
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288 pages
2021
🏆 **Bestseller**



Hunkeler in the Wilderness
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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 and the ›Golden Hand‹
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2013

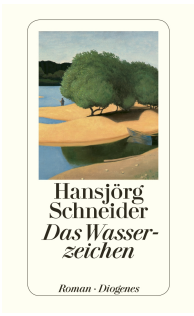


The Murder of Anton Livius
256 pages
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Award winner
 Movie Adaptation



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224 pages
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Night Book for Astrid
128 pages
2012



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2011

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The Couple on the Barge
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2011

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 Bestseller



The Fluttering Man
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2011

Bestseller



Silver Pebbles
240 pages
2011

Movie Adaptation
 Bestseller



Hunkeler and the Eyes of Oedipus
240 pages
2010

Movie Adaptation
 Bestseller