

# Diogenes

Hansjörg Schneider  
*Hunkeler's Secret*

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## Hansjörg Schneider *Hunkelers Geheimnis*

*Der neunte Fall*

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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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English/world (Bitter Lemon)  
Estonian (Eesti Raamat)

### Movie adaptations

**2011: Silberkiesel. Hunkeler tritt ab**  
Director: Markus Fischer  
Screenplay: Dominik Bernet  
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi,  
Charlotte Heinimann, Cynthia Coray und Ercan  
Durmaz.

**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

**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  
Heinimann, Oliver Tobias

**2005: Tod einer Ärztin**  
Director: Markus Fischer  
Screenplay: Markus Fischer  
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Charlotte  
Heinimann, 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

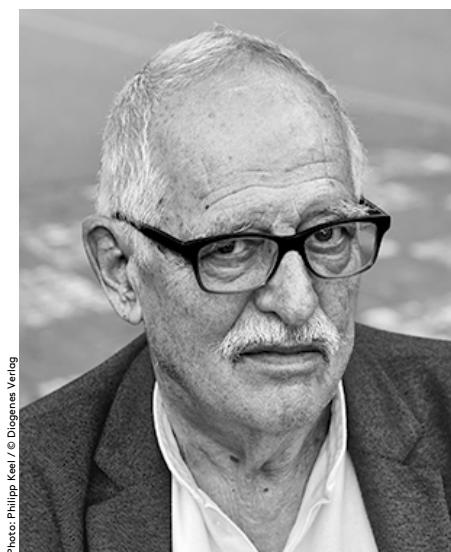


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Hansjörg Schneider, born in Aarau, Switzerland, in 1938, worked as a teacher and journalist. For a long time, he was one of the most performed playwrights in the German language and his *Hunkeler* crime novels are regularly on the Swiss Bestseller list. Hansjörg Schneider has received numerous awards, among them the »Friedrich Glauser Prize« in 2005. He lives and writes in Basel.

### ❖ Awards (cont'd)

- 2005 »Friedrich-Glauser-Preis« für *Hunkeler macht Sachen*
- 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

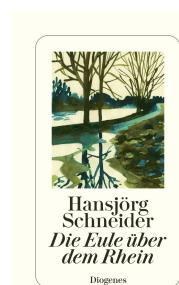
Hansjörg Schneider

»Hansjörg Schneider 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

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

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



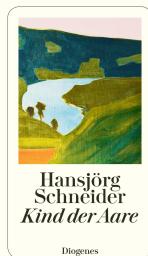
The Owl over the Rhine  
288 pages  
2021  
 Bestseller



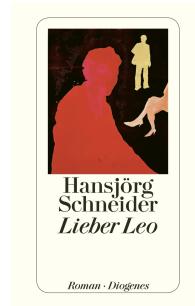
Hunkeler in the  
Wilderness  
224 pages  
2020  
 Bestseller



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  
240 pages  
2013



The Murder of Anton  
Livius  
256 pages  
2013  
 Movie Adaptation  
 Bestseller



The Basel Killings  
288 pages  
2013  
 Award winner  
 Movie Adaptation



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Das Wasserzeichen*

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The Watermark  
304 pages  
2013



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Nilpferde unter dem Haus*

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Hippos under the House  
224 pages  
2012



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Nachtbuch für Astrid*  
*Von der Liebe, von Sterben, von Freundschaft und darüber, den geliebten Menschen verlor zu haben*

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Night Book for Astrid  
128 pages  
2012



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Tod einer Ärztin*  
*Hunkelers vierter Fall*

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Death of a Doctor  
240 pages  
2011

Movie Adaptation  
Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Das Paar im Kahn*  
*Hunkelers dritter Fall*

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The Couple on the Barge  
224 pages  
2011

Movie Adaptation  
Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Flattermann*

Hunkelers zweiter Fall

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The Fluttering Man  
160 pages  
2011

Movie Adaptation  
Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Silberkiesel*

Hunkelers erster Fall

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Silver Pebbles  
240 pages  
2011

Movie Adaptation  
Bestseller



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Hunkeler und die Augen des Oedipus*

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Hunkeler and the Eyes of Oedipus  
240 pages  
2010

Movie Adaptation  
Bestseller