

Ingrid Noll
The Secretary

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Revenge is sweet. Secretaries, charwomen and housewives – there comes a moment when enough is enough for all of them, and they cherish thoughts of getting even with their bosses or husbands for the humiliation received at their hands.

Book factsheet

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 **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 Hunthgeburd
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*



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 ›Glaser Prize of Honour‹ for her oeuvre.

Praise

Ingrid Noll

»Ingrid Noll is one of the best German storytellers.« – Angela Gatterburg / Der Spiegel, Hamburg

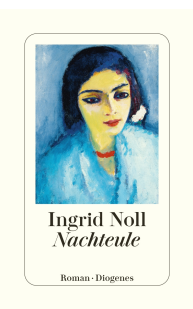
»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / Sonntagszeitung, Zürich

»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
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Tea Time
320 pages
2022
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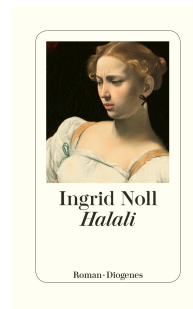
Fickle Flames
304 pages
2021
Bestseller



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



Ingrid Noll
Hab und Gier

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Till Greed Do Us Part
256 pages
2014

Bestseller



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Über Bord

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Overboard
336 pages
2012

Bestseller



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Ehrenwort

Roman · Diogenes

Word of Honour
336 pages
2010

Bestseller



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*Kuckucks-
kind*

Roman · Diogenes

Cuckoo's Child
352 pages
2008

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Ladylike

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Ladylike
336 pages
2006

Movie Adaptation
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Ingrid Noll
*Falsche
Zungen*

Diogenes

False Tongues
256 pages
2004

Bestseller



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288 pages
2003

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Witwen*

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Blissfully Widowed
272 pages
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rot*

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Red Rose
288 pages
1998

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der Abend-
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