

**Hansjörg Schneider**  
***Hunkeler and the Eyes of Oedipus***

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Where is the theatre director Bernhard Vetter? His houseboat was found abandoned by the dam of the town of Märkt, but there is no sign of the man himself. And this several days after a performance of ›Oedipus the King‹ in Basel caused a real stir – so much so that a high society lady knocked out two of the director's teeth with her garnet ring. The press are in a frenzy of speculation: could the director be lying at the bottom of the Rhine? Is this the bourgeoisie's revenge on this uncompromising man of the theatre?

Peter Hunkeler, detective inspector from the Basel Criminal Investigation Department, has only six weeks left until he retires. But is he ready to leave the stage? With mixed feelings he steps into the theatre milieu of which he himself had been part as a young man. He comes across old acquaintances, each with a score to settle with the theatre director. And finds himself in the enigmatic twilight world of Basel's Rhine harbour, in that no man's land between Switzerland, Germany and France where quite other powers hold sway.

## Book factsheet

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### Bestseller

Swiss Bestseller

### 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**

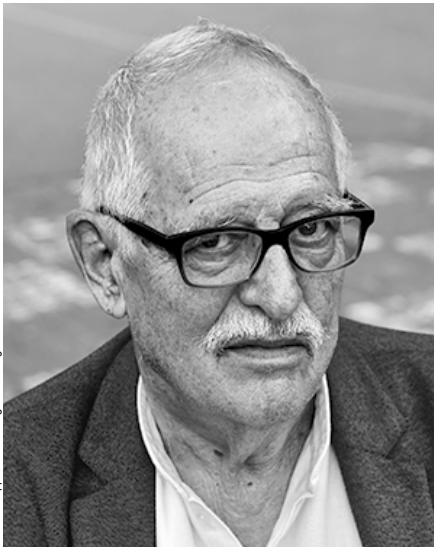
Director: Marie-Louise Bless  
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi, Andrea Bettini

#### **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*



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

*Hunkeler and the Eyes of Oedipus*

»Excellent characterisation and perfect narrative rhythm and drive.« – Das Kulturmagazin

»Once again Hansjörg Schneider shows himself a Master of atmospheric details.« – Sacha Verna / NZZ am Sonntag, Zurich

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»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 Schmoldt / Plärrer, Nürnberg




Hansjörg Schneider  
*Spatzen am Brunnen*  
Aus dem Tagebuch  
Diogenes

*Sparrows at the Fountain*  
208 pages  
2023  
 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Die Eule über dem Rhein*  
Diogenes

*The Owl over the Rhine*  
288 pages  
2021  
 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Hunkeler in der Wildnis*  
Der zehnte Fall  
Roman · Diogenes

*Hunkeler in the Wilderness*  
224 pages  
2020  
 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Im Café und auf der Straße*  
Diogenes

*In the Café and on the Street*  
240 pages  
2019



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Kind der Aare*  
Diogenes

*Child of the Aare*  
352 pages  
2018  
 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Lieber Leo*  
Roman · Diogenes

*Dear Leo*  
304 pages  
2016



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Hunkelers Geheimnis*  
Der neunte Fall  
Roman · Diogenes

*Hunkeler's Secret*  
208 pages  
2015



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Hunkeler und die goldene Hand*  
Der sechste Fall  
Roman · Diogenes

*Hunkeler and the ›Golden Hand‹*  
240 pages  
2013



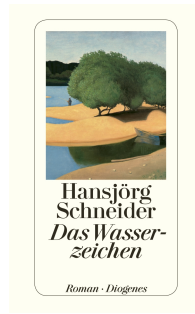
**The Murder of Anton Livius**  
256 pages  
2013

**Movie Adaptation**  
 **Bestseller**



**The Basel Killings**  
288 pages  
2013

**Award winner**  
 **Movie Adaptation**



**The Watermark**  
304 pages  
2013



**Hippos under the House**  
224 pages  
2012



**Night Book for Astrid**  
128 pages  
2012



**Death of a Doctor**  
240 pages  
2011

**Movie Adaptation**  
 **Bestseller**



**The Couple on the Barge**  
224 pages  
2011

**Movie Adaptation**  
 **Bestseller**



**The Fluttering Man**  
160 pages  
2011

**Bestseller**



**Silver Pebbles**  
240 pages  
2011

**Movie Adaptation**  
 **Bestseller**