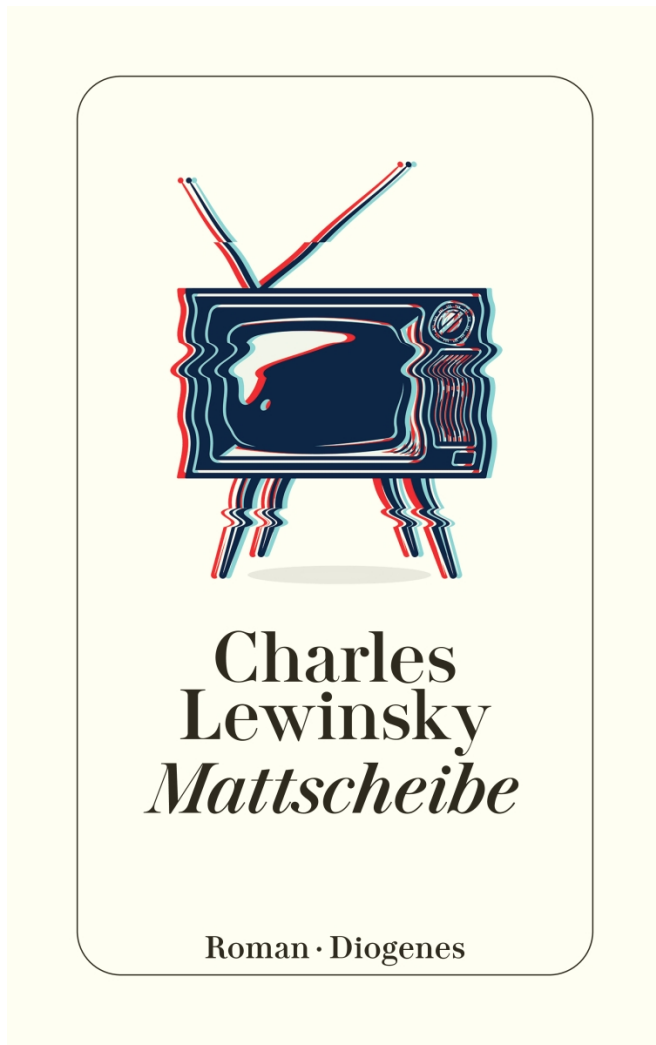


Charles Lewinsky

Published by Diogenes as *Mattscheibe*
Original title: *Mattscheibe*



Everyone craves publicity, according to Marhenke, head of entertainment at a TV station. He ruthlessly exploits this urge. A pop singer in a wheelchair is good for business, even if he gets up and walks away after the show. It's also good when the loser of a quiz show goes on a rampage. The more tasteless, the better: Marhenke rubs his hands together and the audience rubs their eyes. But how far will he take the game?

Book factsheet

Novel, Contemporary Literature
240 pages
April 2026

Contact:

Susanne Bauknecht, Rights Director,
susanne.bauknecht@diogenes.ch and Suzanne
Hégelé, Film Rights Manager,
suzanne.hegele@diogenes.ch

Awards

- 2020 *Der Halbbart* auf der Shortlist des ›Schweizer Buchpreises‹
- 2020 *Der Halbbart* auf der Longlist des ›Deutschen Buchpreises‹
- 2020 ›Dreitannen-Literaturpreis‹ des Buchfestivals Olten
- 2016 *Andersen* auf der Shortlist des ›Schweizer Buchpreises‹
- 2014 *Kastelau* auf der Longlist des ›Deutschen Buchpreises‹
- 2011 *Gerron* für den ›Schweizer Buchpreis‹ nominiert
- 2009 ›Prix Lipp‹ für *Melnitz*, Genf
- 2008 ›Best Foreign Novel‹ für *Melnitz*, Foreign Literature Learned Society, Peking
- 2008 ›Prix du meilleur livre étranger‹ für *Melnitz*, Paris
- 2007 *Melnitz* wird als ›Bester deutscher Roman 2006‹ von der ›Jury für den besten fremdsprachigen Roman des Jahres im 21. Jahrhundert‹ in China ausgezeichnet.
- 2001 ›Preis der Schweizerischen Schillerstiftung‹ für *Johannistag*

Praise

»The author's knowledge of the inner lives of television producers is clearly based on personal experience.« – *Abendzeitung*, Munich

Charles Lewinsky

»Rare linguistic splendour and striking narrative virtuosity.« – Andreas Isenschmid / NZZ am Sonntag, Zurich

»Lewinsky has a deft feel for drama; you get the impression he has a field day setting the readers on one track and then drawing them onto another.« – *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, Munich

»Charles Lewinsky is a literary jack of all trades. Wilding a sharp pen and with a keen eye he moves between different genres in a virtuoso manner. He has dedicated his life to words and today is one of the most read Swiss authors.« – Kurt Aeschbacher / SRF 1, Zurich

»Charles Lewinsky is probably one of the hardest-working and undisputedly one of the most successful and versatile Swiss writers.« – Martin Ebel / *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, Munich

»Charles Lewinsky is a rascal in literature who masters all styles and eras.« – Rolf Fath / *Badische Neueste Nachrichten*, Karlsruhe



Praise (cont'd)

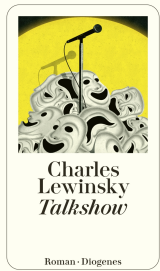
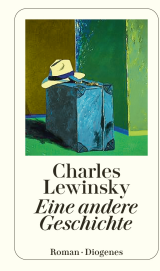
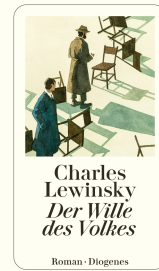
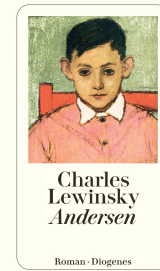

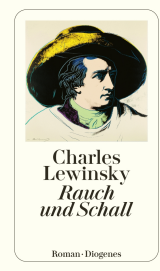

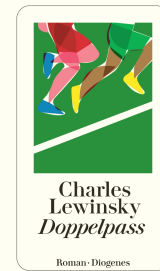
»The versatile star of contemporary Swiss literature.« – Hansruedi Kugler / Aargauer Zeitung, Aarau

»Above all, though, the tradition, the storytelling itself is always part of the narrative; this is the allure of the multi-layered works.« – Peter Zander / Berliner Morgenpost, Berlin

»Charles Lewinsky is the Swiss author with the broadest range when it comes to forms of expression.« – Felix Münger / Radio SRF2 Kultur, Basel

»Charles Lewinsky has a sure instinct for dramaturgy. Immensely entertaining.« – Helmut Maurö / Süddeutsche Zeitung, Munich

Charles Lewinsky, born in Zurich in 1946, has been a freelance writer since 1980. He won international renown with his novel *Melnitz*, which was awarded numerous prizes, including the French ›Prix du meilleur livre étranger‹. His novel *Halfbeard* was nominated for both the ›Swiss Book Prize‹ and the ›German Book Prize‹. His works have been published in 16 languages. Charles Lewinsky lives in Vereux (France) in summer, and in Zurich in winter.

 <p>Charles Lewinsky Talkshow Roman · Diogenes</p> <p><i>Talkshow</i> 240 pages 2026</p>	 <p>Charles Lewinsky Eine andere Geschichte Roman · Diogenes</p> <p><i>A Different Story</i> 416 pages 2026</p>	 <p>Charles Lewinsky Der Wille des Volkes Roman · Diogenes</p> <p><i>The People's Will</i> 416 pages 2026</p>	 <p>Charles Lewinsky Andersen Roman · Diogenes</p> <p><i>Andersen</i> 608 pages 2026</p>
 <p>Charles Lewinsky Täuschend echt Roman · Diogenes</p> <p><i>Deceptively Real</i> 352 pages 2024 Bestseller</p>	 <p>Charles Lewinsky Rauch und Schall Roman · Diogenes</p> <p><i>Smoke and Sound</i> 304 pages 2023 Bestseller</p>	 <p>Charles Lewinsky Der Teufel in der Weihnachtsnacht und Der liebe Gott beim Ortstermin Diogenes</p> <p><i>The Devil on Christmas Night / The Good Lord on Inspection Day</i> 88 pages 2023</p>	 <p>Charles Lewinsky Doppelpass Roman · Diogenes</p> <p><i>Give-and-Go</i> 384 pages 2023</p>



Ten and One Nights
240 pages
2023



His Son
368 pages
2022
🏆 Bestseller



Is that You?
288 pages
2021



Melnitz
944 pages
2021



Kastelau
416 pages
2021



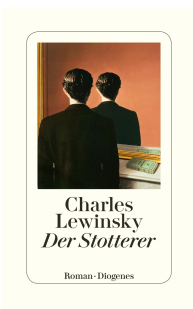
Midsummer's Day
368 pages
2021



Gerron
704 pages
2021



Halfbeard
688 pages
2020
🏆 Award winner
🏆 Bestseller



The Stutterer
416 pages
2019
🏆 Bestseller