

Ingrid Noll  
*Rabenbrüder*

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There is no love lost between dreamy Paul and his lively younger brother Achim. Indeed, everlasting peace does not exactly prevail when the family comes together in the family home in Mainz after Father's funeral. As the old saying goes - as God brings death to a man, so the Devil reunites his heirs!

An inscrutable mother, two vastly dissimilar brothers and a disagreeable daughter-in-law find themselves in the family home in Mainz after the funeral of the hypochondriac father, who has departed this world.

They have not seen each other for some time, with good reason, and the old squabbles resurface almost immediately. Was the old man's departure really of natural causes? The brothers - Paul and Achim - create wild fantasies on the theme, while daughter-in-law Annette gambles with her marriage.

In her new novel, Ingrid Noll is as sensitive and as pitiless as never before. Complicated women and morbid men: ›Rabenbrüder‹ come from a family in which everyone creates obstacles for the rest. This is Ingrid Noll at her dark and narrative best!

## Book factsheet

Crime Fiction, Contemporary Literature  
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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*



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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**

*Rabenbrüder*

»The perfect mix of the middle-class dream and utter gloom.« – Die Presse, Vienna

»A neuroses specialist with the calibre of Patricia Highsmith.« – Münchner Merkur

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

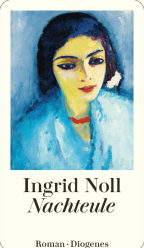
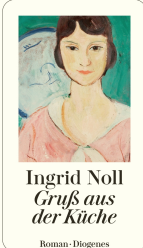






»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / SonntagsZeitung, Zürich

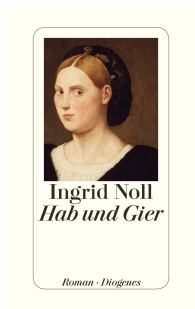
»Ingrid Noll is often referred to as Germany's ›Queen of Crime‹, and she fully deserves this title.« – The Sunday Times, London

»Riveting reading – we are captivated precisely because it is all so familiar.« – Dieter Hildebrandt / Sender Freies Berlin

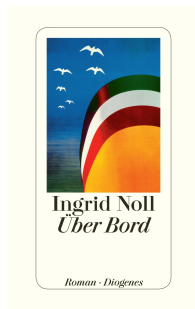
»Ingrid Noll has truly mastered the art of the comic crime novel.« – Ulli Wagner / SR3, Saarbrücken

»Still the most original crime writer in the German language.« – Christel Freitag / NDR Kultur, Hamburg

 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Nachteule</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Gruß aus der Küche</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Tea Time</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Kein Feuer kann brennen so heiß</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>
<p><i>The Night Owl</i> 304 pages 2025</p>	<p><i>Greetings from the Kitchen</i> 304 pages 2024 <b>Bestseller</b></p>	<p><i>Tea Time</i> 320 pages 2022 <b>Bestseller</b></p>	<p><i>Fickle Flames</i> 304 pages 2021 <b>Bestseller</b></p>
 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>In Liebe Dein Karl</i> Diogenes</p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Goldschatz</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Halali</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p><b>Ingrid Noll</b> <i>Der Mittagstisch</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>
<p><i>With Love, Karl</i> 336 pages 2020 <b>Bestseller</b></p>	<p><i>Good as Gold</i> 368 pages 2019 <b>Bestseller</b></p>	<p><i>Tally-Ho</i> 320 pages 2017 <b>Bestseller</b></p>	<p><i>Lunchtime</i> 224 pages 2015 <b>Bestseller</b></p>



**Till Greed Do Us Part**  
256 pages  
2014  
📺 **Bestseller**



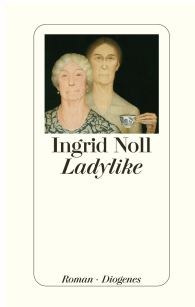
**Overboard**  
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2012  
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**Word of Honour**  
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2010  
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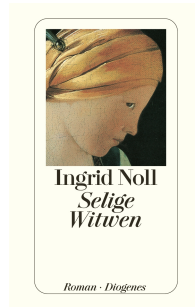
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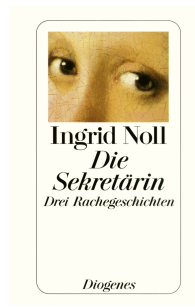
**Ladylike**  
336 pages  
2006  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
📺 **Bestseller**



**False Tongues**  
256 pages  
2004  
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**Blissfully Widowed**  
272 pages  
2001  
📺 **Bestseller**



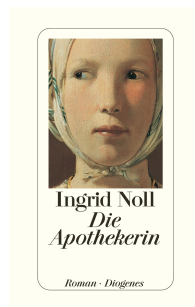
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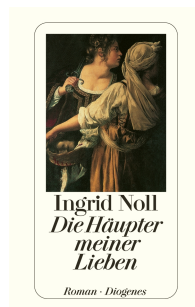
**Red Rose**  
288 pages  
1998  
📺 **Bestseller**



**Cold is the Evening's Breeze**  
256 pages  
1996  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
📺 **Bestseller**



**The Pharmacist**  
256 pages  
1994  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
📺 **Bestseller**



**Head Count**  
288 pages  
1993  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
📺 **Bestseller**



**Hell Hath No Fury**  
272 pages  
1991  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
📺 **Bestseller**