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Book factsheet

Lukas Hartmann & Julia Dürr (Ill.)
The Magic Braces

Published by Diogenes as *Die magische Zahnspange*
Original title: *Die magische Zahnspange*

The new stroke of genius from the Swiss bestselling author Lukas Hartmann is a fast-paced adventure novel and an exciting guessing game for young heroes – for all the children who have ever had dental braces – or who ever wanted them.
Who has not wished they could finally be good at school? Know the capital of Madagascar, how many kilos a hippopotamus weighs and how many grams an earthworm. It is a little odd that shy Tobi suddenly knows all the answers after he gets his dental braces. His classmates, at first full of surprised admiration, soon get suspicious, and Tobi also starts to find the whole thing uncanny.
About the dream of being a hero, and the question of who to trust – other people or ourselves?
Children's book for ages 10 and above

Children's Books
240 pages
11.6 × 18.4 cm
October 2018

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Movie adaptations

2007: Die Prinzessin von Sansibar
Director: Tina Diaz
Screenplay: Tina Diaz
Cast: Dokumtarfilm mit Spielszenen

1992: Anna annA
Director: Greti & Jürgen Brauer Kläy
Screenplay: Lukas & Greti Kläy Hartmann
Cast: Lea Hürlimann,Wanda Hürlimann,Ilona Schulz

1989: Pestalozzis Berg
Director: Peter von Gunten
Cast: Gian Maria Volonté, Rolf Hoppe, Mathias Gnädinger, Corinna Harfouch

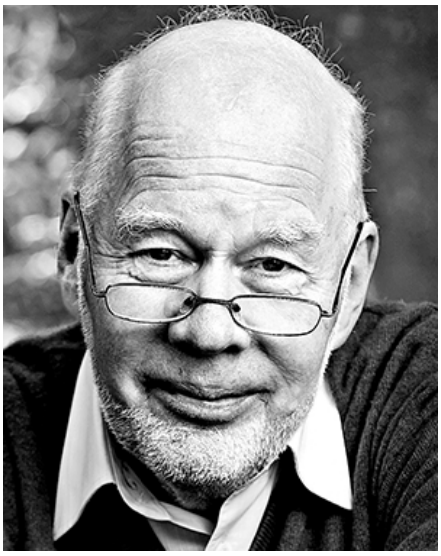
Awards

2018	›Literaturpreis‹ Kanton Bern für *Ein Bild von Lydia*
2016	Generationenbuchpreis ›Prix Chronos‹ für *Mein Dschinn*
2010	›Sir Walter Scott-Literaturpreis‹ für *Bis ans Ende der Meere*
2010	›Grosser Literaturpreis von Stadt und Kanton Bern‹ für sein Gesamtwerk
2001	Ehrenliste des Österreichischen Kinder- und Jugendbuchpreises: *Leo Schmetterling*
1996	Preis der Schweizerischen Schillerstiftung für *Die Mohrin*
1995	›Luchs 108‹ von *Die Zeit* und Radio Bremen für *Die Mohrin*
1995	Schweizer Jugendbuchpreis für *So eine lange Nase*
1993	Buchpreis der Stadt Bern für *Die Seuche*
1988	Werkjahr der Pro Helvetia sowie von Stadt und Kanton Bern für *Einer stirbt in Rom*
1983	Werkjahr der Pro Helvetia für *Aus dem Innern des Mediums*
1980	Buchpreis der Stadt Bern für *Pestalozzis Berg*
1980	Buchpreis der Schillerstiftung für *Pestalozzis Berg*

Praise

Lukas Hartmann

»Lukas Hartmann immerses himself totally in his characters. He has a particular interest in figures who are in danger of being swallowed up by history. He is driven by a strong sense of justice, empathy and meticulousness.« – Beatrice Eichmann-Leutenegger / Neue Zürcher Zeitung



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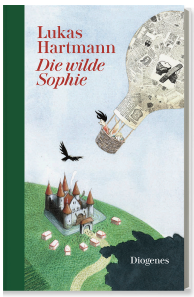
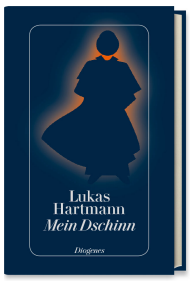
Lukas Hartmann, born in Berne in 1944, studied German and psychology. He was a teacher, journalist and media consultant. Today, he is a freelance writer living in Berne, writing books for adults and children. He is one of Switzerland's best-known authors and his novels regularly feature on the bestseller lists.



Wild Sophie
256 pages, 11.6 × 18.4 cm
2017



My Djinn
208 pages, 12.5 × 20 cm
2014
Award winner
Bestseller

All the Missing Things
96 pages, 14.3 × 21.3 cm
2011

Such a Long Nose
208 pages, 11.6 × 18.4 cm
2010
Award winner

Anna annA
288 pages, 11.6 × 18.4 cm
2009
Movie Adaptation

Praise (cont'd)

»Lukas Hartmann develops great poetic power, full of sensibility and eloquent silence.« – Neue Zürcher Zeitung

»Lukas Hartmann has an incredible affinity to the world of children.« – Carol Rosa / Berner Zeitung

»Lukas Hartmann's ability to see the world through a child's eyes is outstanding.« – Hits for Kids, Gustavsburg

»A virtuoso of the historical novel.« – Charles Linsmayer / NZZ am Sonntag, Zurich

»Lukas Hartmann knows how to write history in a way that puts the present in a different light.« – Augsburger Allgemeine