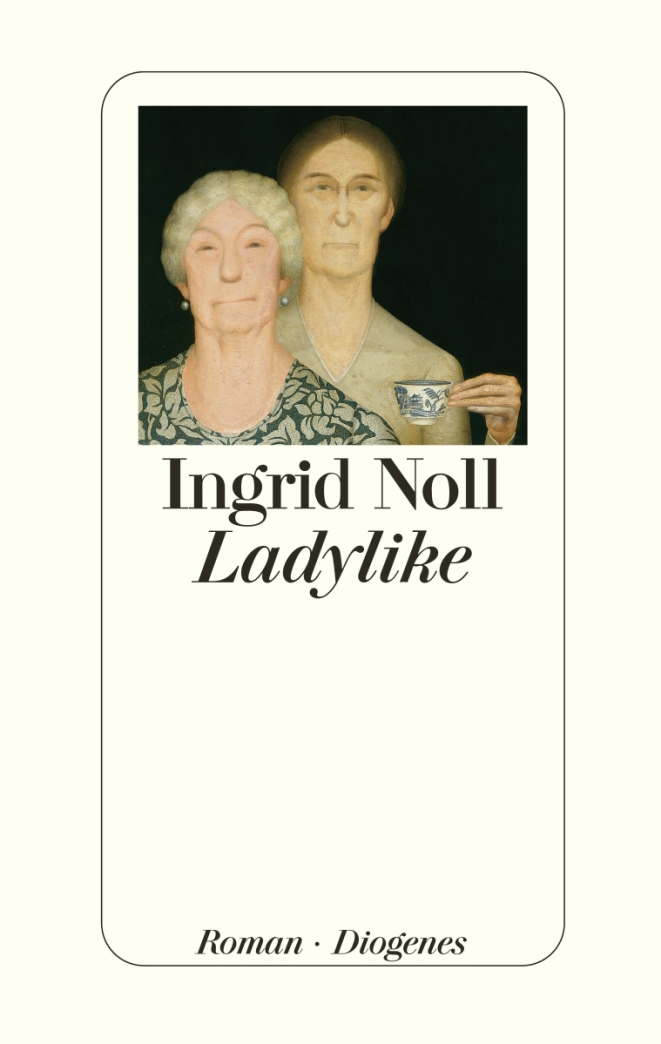
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Book factsheet

Ingrid Noll
Ladylike

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Crime Fiction, Contemporary Literature
336 pages
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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 Hunthgeburt
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*

Praise

Ingrid Noll

»We could smuggle, steal, deal drugs, murder, break in to houses, blackmail and kidnap as often as we pleased, nobody would ever suspect us. Nobody would be able to provide the police with our description, because it has been years since anyone has really looked at us. We, the grey brigade, are the invisible ghost army of the nation.«
It is unladylike thoughts such as these that run through the mind of 73-year-old Lore. In her old age, she lives with her best friend Anneliese. They have known each other since they were ten, but now they have moved even closer together: a two-woman household. Lore's husband has started a relationship with a younger woman, while Anneliese's has unfortunately passed away.
Together the two ladies hang on to their old memories. Just when it appears that their new life is getting off to a gentle and demure start, along comes Ewald, Anneliese's childhood sweetheart, whom they both met long ago at dancing lessons. Naturally, he has not spent his life alone either. In fact, he is a somewhat more lively than his two old girlfriends would like.
With her familiar humour, Ingrid Noll depicts the kind of surprises that the last period of life has to offer. The age of hair-buns and humility is over – now seniors run around in their sneakers. And if their own children don't take care of them, they take in a couple of students...



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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 ›Glauser Prize of Honour‹ for her oeuvre.

Praise (cont'd)

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

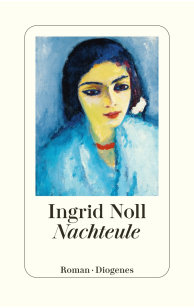
»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / SonntagsZeitung, Zürich

»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



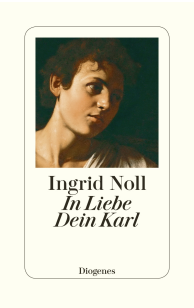
Greetings from the Kitchen
304 pages
2024
Bestseller



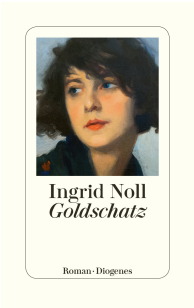
Tea Time
320 pages
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Fickle Flames
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2021
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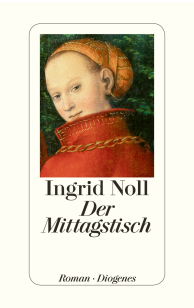
With Love, Karl
336 pages
2020
Bestseller



Good as Gold
368 pages
2019
Bestseller



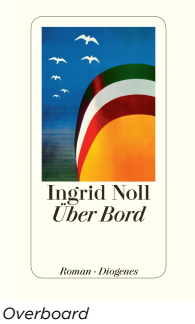
Tally-Ho
320 pages
2017
Bestseller



Lunchtime
224 pages
2015
Bestseller



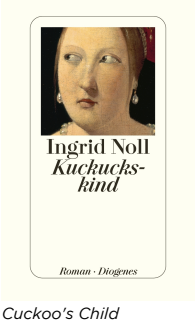
Till Greed Do Us Part
256 pages
2014
Bestseller



Overboard
336 pages
2012
Bestseller



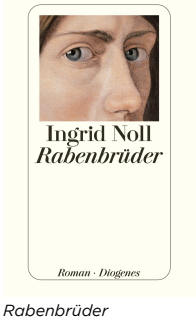
Word of Honour
336 pages
2010
Bestseller



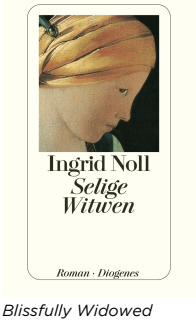
Cuckoo's Child
352 pages
2008
Bestseller



False Tongues
256 pages
2004
Bestseller



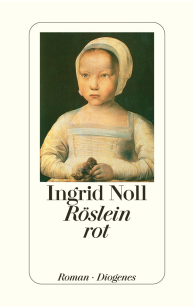
Rabenbrüder
288 pages
2003
Bestseller



Blissfully Widowed
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2001
Bestseller



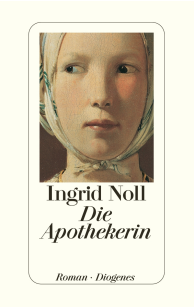
The Secretary
96 pages
2000
Bestseller



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