

Martin Suter

A Deal with the Devil

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After her separation from Frederick Forster, a banker from a good family, Sonia has only one desire: to forget the nightmare and rediscover her peace of mind.

But at first things only get worse. Following an unintentional LSD trip at a disco, reality itself begins to slip through her fingers: suddenly Sonia can see noises, feel colours, taste objects. Deeply distraught, she decides to flee the city for a while.

A strange new health and fitness hotel is about to open its doors in Val Girsch, in the Lower Engadine region of Switzerland. Despite the obscurity shrouding the hotel's finances, Sonia, a trained physiotherapist, gets along well with the young woman who owns the hotel and it is not long before she finds herself agreeing to join the hotel staff. So Sonia ends up in a small town that until now has kept its doors firmly closed to tourists, an isolation the townspeople would dearly love to preserve. But before she realises that, many things have to occur – things that at first seem to make no sense. Only when she stumbles upon an old Engadine legend does she begin to interpret the signs – and to fear the worst for herself and those around her.

Book factsheet

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Movie adaptations

2023: *Allmen und das Geheimnis des Koi*

Director: Sinje Köhler

Screenplay: Martin Rauhaus

Cast: Heino Ferch, Samuel Finzi, Andrea Osvart, Uwe Kockisch

2022: *Alles über Martin Suter. Ausser die Wahrheit.*

Director: André Schäfer

Screenplay: André Schäfer

Cast: Bekannte und unbekannte Schauspieler

2021: *Allmen und das Geheimnis der Erotik*

Director: Thomas Berger

Screenplay: Martin Rauhaus

Cast: Heino Ferch, Samuel Finzi, Christoph Bach, Isabella Parkinson

2019: *Allmen und das Geheimnis der Dahlien*

Director: Thomas Berger

Screenplay: Martin Rauhaus

Cast: Heino Ferch, Samuel Finzi, Andrea Osvart, Katharina Schüttler, Udo Samel

2017: *Allmen und das Geheimnis der Libellen*

Director: Thomas Berger

Screenplay: Martin Rauhaus

Cast: Heino Ferch, Samuel Finzi, Andrea Osvart

2017: *Allmen und das Geheimnis des rosa Diamanten*

Director: Thomas Berger

Screenplay: Martin Rauhaus

Cast: Heino Ferch, Samuel Finzi, Andrea Osvart

2015: *Die dunkle Seite des Mondes*

Director: Stephan Rick

Screenplay: Catharina Junk

Cast: Moritz Bleibtreu, Nora von Waldstätten und Jürgen Prochnow

2014: *Der Koch*

Director: Ralf Huettner

Screenplay: Ruth Toma

Cast: Jessica Schwarz, Hamza Jeetooa und Hanspeter Müller-Drossaart.

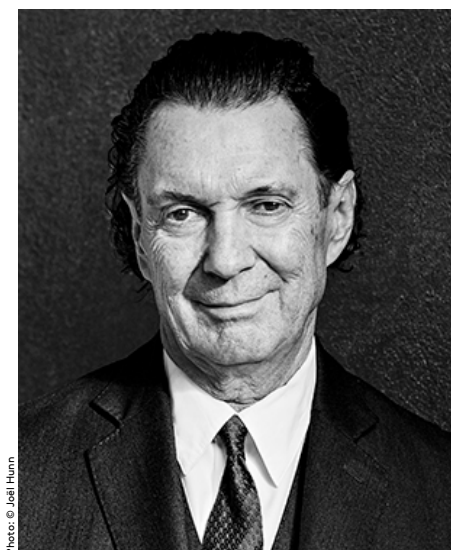
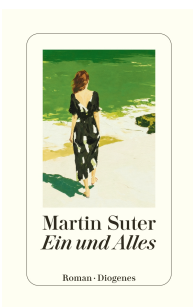


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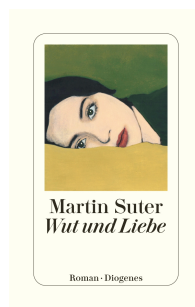
Martin Suter was born in 1948 in Zurich. His novels (including *Love and Fury* and *Melody*) and *Business Class* stories are major international successes. In addition, since 2011 the gentleman thief Allmen has been solving cases in his own crime series. Martin Suter lives with his daughter in Zurich.



One and Only
304 pages
2026



Can You See Me?
208 pages
2026



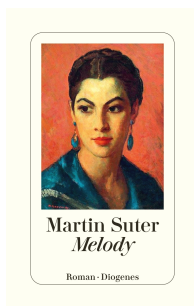
Love and Fury
304 pages
2025
🏆 **Bestseller**



No Need to Shout Like That
320 pages
2024



Allmen and Mr Weynfeldt
224 pages
2024
🏆 **Bestseller**



Melody
336 pages
2023
🏆 **Bestseller**



One of You
384 pages
2022
🏆 **Bestseller**



Why Are We All So Serious?
272 pages
2021
🏆 **Bestseller**

📺 Movie adaptations (cont'd)

2012: *Der Teufel von Mailand* (TV)

Director: Markus Welter
Screenplay: Thomas Berger
Cast: Regula Grauwiller, Ina Weisse, Max Simonischek

2011: *Nachtlärm*

Director: Christoph Schaub
Screenplay: Martin Suter
Cast: Alexandra Maria Lara, Sebastian Blomberg

2010: *Der letzte Weynfeldt* / TV

Director: Alain Gsponer
Screenplay: Alex Buresch
Cast: Marie Bäumer, Stefan Kurt

2010: *Small World*

Director: Bruno Chiche
Screenplay: Bruno Chiche
Cast: Gérard Depardieu, Alexandra Maria Lara, Niels Arestrup, Nathalie Baye, Yannick Renier

2009: *Giulias Verschwinden*

Director: Christoph Schaub
Screenplay: Martin Suter
Cast: Corinna Harfouch, Bruno Ganz, Stefan Kurt

2008/2009: *Lila, Lila*

Director: Alain Gsponer
Screenplay: Alexander Buresch
Cast: Daniel Brühl, Hannah Herzsprung, Henry Hübchen

2006: *Un ami parfait*

Director: Francis Girod
Screenplay: Philippe Cougrand
Cast: Antoine de Caunes, Carole Bouquet, Martina Gedeck

1999: *Beresina oder Die letzten Tage der Schweiz*

Director: Daniel Schmid
Cast: Elena Panova, Geraldine Chaplin, Martin Benrath

🏆 Awards

- 2019 ›Platin Award‹ von Universal Schweiz an Martin Suter und Stephan Eicher für 20'000 verkaufte *Song Books*
- 2018 *Song Book* ist eines der 25 ›Schönsten deutschen Bücher‹ der Stiftung Buchkunst
- 2018 Doppelte Charts-Auszeichnung für *Song Book*: ›Nummer 1 Award der Offiziellen Schweizer Hitparade‹ für Stephan Eicher und Martin Suter und ›Nummer 1 Award der Schweizer Bestsellerliste‹ für Martin Suter
- 2015 ›Literaturpreis des Wirtschaftsclubs‹ im Literaturhaus Stuttgart für *Montecristo*
- 2010 ›Swift-Preis‹ der Stiftung Marktwirtschaft für Wirtschaftssatire in Kronberg, Frankfurt a. M., für seine *Business Class*-Kolumnen
- 2010 ›SwissAward‹ vom Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen (SRF) in der Kategorie Kultur



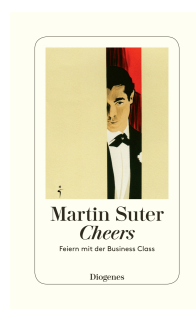
Allmen and the Koi
224 pages
2019
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
📈 **Bestseller**



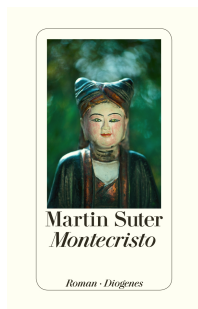
Allmen and the Erotic
Figurines
272 pages
2018
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
📈 **Bestseller**



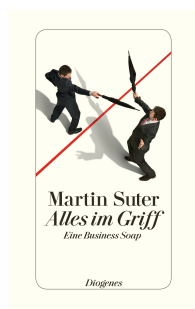
Elephant
352 pages
2017
📈 **Bestseller**



Cheers
224 pages
2016



Montecristo
320 pages
2015
🏆 **Award winner**
📈 **Bestseller**



Everything Under Control
128 pages
2014



Allmen and the Vanished Maria
224 pages
2014
📈 **Bestseller**



Allmen and the Dahlias
224 pages
2013
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
📈 **Bestseller**



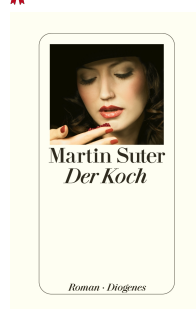
The Time, the Time
304 pages
2012
📈 **Bestseller**



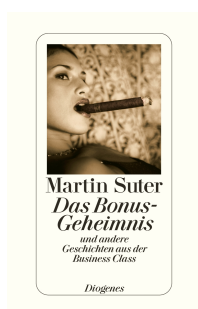
Allmen and the Pink Diamond
224 pages
2011
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
📈 **Bestseller**



Allmen and the Dragonflies
208 pages
2011
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
📈 **Bestseller**



The Chef
320 pages
2010
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
📈 **Bestseller**



The Bonus-Mystery and Other Stories from the Business Class
192 pages
2009



The Last Weynfeldt
320 pages
2008
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
📈 **Bestseller**



Among Friends and Other Stories from Business Class
208 pages
2007
📈 **Bestseller**



Huber Takes a Break
192 pages
2005

🏆 Awards (cont'd)

- 2007 ›Friedrich-Glauser-Preis‹ in der Sparte Kriminalroman für *Der Teufel von Mailand*
- 2003 ›Deutscher Krimipreis‹ (Platz 2) in der Kategorie ›National‹ des Bochumer Krimi-Archivs für den Roman *Ein perfekter Freund*
- 2002 In der Reihe ›Das Literarische Quartal‹ des Kulturmagazins ›Aspekte‹ im ZDF wurde *Ein perfekter Freund* zum Quartalsbuch Frühjahr 2002 gewählt
- 1998 ›Prix du premier roman étranger‹ für *Small World* in französischer Übersetzung
- 1997 Ehrengabe des Kantons Zürich für *Small World*
- 1995 Preis der österreichischen Industrie am Joseph-Roth-Wettbewerb in Klagenfurt für die Kolumne *Business Class*
- 1987 ›Best Screenplay‹ beim Festival des phantastischen Films in Sitges für *Jenatsch*

Praise

A Deal with the Devil

»Mysterious and diabolical: a mixture between an old legend and a crime novel.« – Der Spiegel, Hamburg

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»Martin Suter will always surprise you. Each new novel is a challenge and an adventure.« – Les Echos, Paris

»Suter's gaze is fresh and wicked, his ear for dialogue infallible, his literature greatly skilful.« – Constantin Seibt / Die Wochenzeitung, Zurich

»Suter's writing is filmic – fast-paced, taut, with succinct dialogue.« – Martin Ebel / Tages-Anzeiger, Zurich

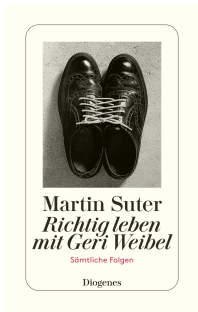
»Martin Suter reaches a huge audience with his novels. He writes exciting, well-constructed and almost cinematic stories; he captures his readers with lean, artful plots.« – Wolfgang Höbel / Der Spiegel, Hamburg

»He is known for his versatility and special gift for handling complex topics in an accessible and entertaining way.« – Samira Debbeler / Stern, Hamburg

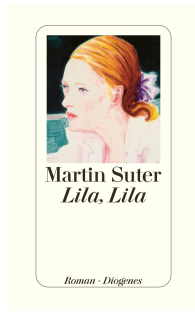
»Martin Suter: the grand master of German-language popular fiction.« – Spiegel Bestseller, Hamburg

»There is charm, irony, and undeniable elegance in Martin Suter's novels. He is probably one of the best contemporary authors.« – Pascal Bruckner / Le Nouvel Observateur, Paris

»With his brilliantly smooth narrative style, Martin Suter reaches readers all over the world.« – Rose-Maria Gropp / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung



Living Right With Geri Weibel
224 pages
2005



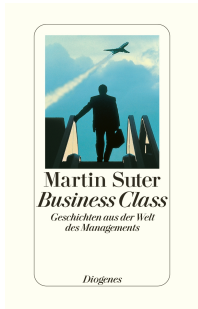
Lila, Lila
352 pages
2004
🏆 **Movie Adaptation**
📌 **Bestseller**



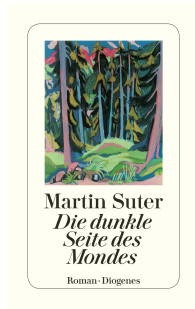
Business Class II
240 pages
2002



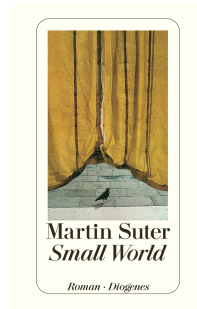
A Perfect Friend
352 pages
2002
🏆 **Award winner**
🏆 **Movie Adaptation**
📌 **Bestseller**



Business Class I
240 pages
2000
🏆 **Award winner**



The Dark Side of the Moon
320 pages
2000
🏆 **Movie Adaptation**
📌 **Bestseller**



Small World
336 pages
1997
🏆 **Award winner**
🏆 **Movie Adaptation**
📌 **Bestseller**

Praise (cont'd)

»Martin Suter's prose is clear and sensitive without ever becoming superficial, and his characters are vivid and multifaceted.« – Samira Debbeler / Stern, Hamburg