

Martin Suter
Business Class I

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The hierarchy is well-known: the unreachable exalted tycoons at the top of the pyramid, the harassed executives in-between, and the burnt-out workaholics further down the line. The everyday rituals of power politics: the pecking order and the struggle for the acquisition of status symbols, ingratiation and intrigues, and self-perpetuating frustration - even in the domestic bedroom. As a former advertising professional and long-standing president of the Art Directors' Club, Martin Suter knows the milieu he describes like the back of his hand. His ›Business Class‹ stories with their keen, subtle observations are not only brilliantly written satires, they also read like a manual for executives: the stress factor - for whom is it a must, for whom a taboo? The furnishings of the director's office as a manifestation of a lust for power; the ritual of greeting, and what you can do wrong; a housewife trained in the art of hosting as a possibly crucial weapon in the fight against rivals. And lots more.

Book factsheet

Contemporary Literature
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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

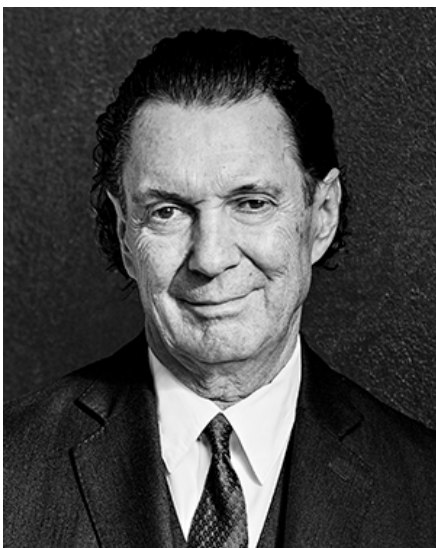
2017: Allmen und das Geheimnis der Libellen
Director: Thomas Berger
Screenplay: Martin Rauhaus
Cast: Heino Ferch, Samuel Finzi, Andrea Osvart

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.

2012: Der Teufel von Mailand (TV)
Director: Markus Welter
Screenplay: Thomas Berger
Cast: Regula Grauwiler, Ina Weisse, Max Simonischek



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.



Can You See Me?
208 pages
2026



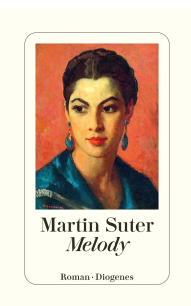
Love and Fury
304 pages
2025
Bestseller



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



Allmen and the Koi
224 pages
2019
Movie Adaptation
Bestseller

Movie adaptations (cont'd)

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

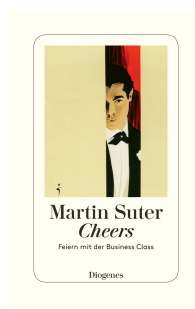
- 2019 ›Platin Award‹ von Universal Schweiz an Martin Suter und Stephan Eicher für 20'000 verkaufte *Song Books*
- 2018 *Song Book* ist eines der 25 ›Schönsten deutschen Bücher‹ der Stiftung Buchkunst
- 2018 Doppelte Charts-Auszeichnung für *Song Book*: ›Nummer 1 Award der Offiziellen Schweizer Hitparade‹ 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
- 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*



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



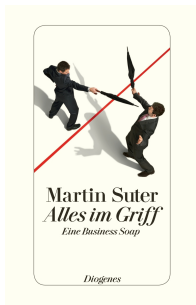
Elephant
352 pages
2017
📈 **Bestseller**



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**



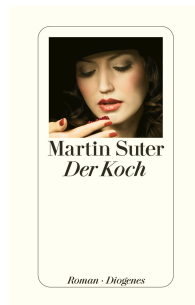
The Time, the Time
304 pages
2012
📈 **Bestseller**



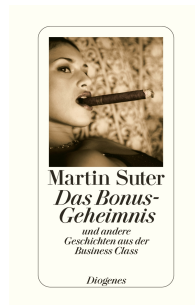
Allmen and the Pink Diamond
224 pages
2011
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
📈 **Bestseller**



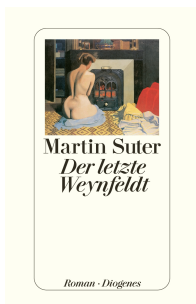
Allmen and the Dragonflies
208 pages
2011
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
📈 **Bestseller**



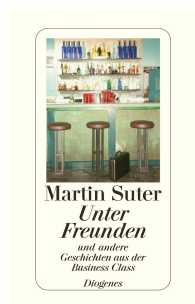
The Chef
320 pages
2010
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
📈 **Bestseller**



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



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



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



A Deal with the Devil
304 pages
2006
🏆 **Award winner**
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**
📈 **Bestseller**



Huber Takes a Break
192 pages
2005

🏆 Awards (cont'd)

- 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

Business Class I

»Suter's columns are brilliant, full of laconic wit and – despite all reservations – a certain fondness for the objects of his irony.« – Armin Thurnher / Falter, Vienna

Martin Suter

»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

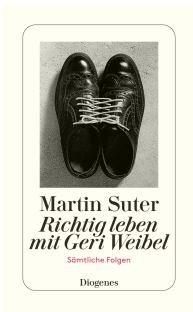
»Martin Suter reaches a huge audience with his novels. He writes exciting, well-constructed and almost cinematic stories; he captures his readers with lean, artful plots.« – Wolfgang Höbel / Der Spiegel, Hamburg

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

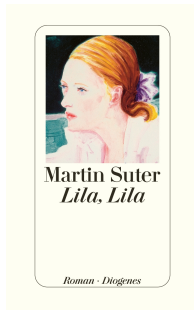
»Martin Suter: the grand master of German-language popular fiction.« – Spiegel Bestseller, Hamburg

»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

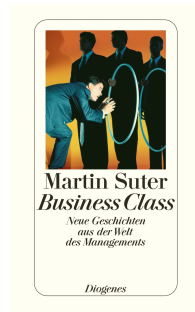


Living Right With Geri Weibel
352 pages
2005



Lila, Lila
352 pages
2004

 **Movie Adaptation**
 **Bestseller**



Business Class II
240 pages
2002



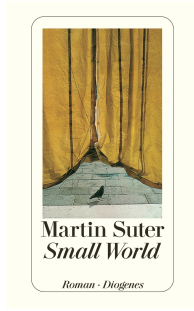
A Perfect Friend
352 pages
2002

 **Award winner**
 **Movie Adaptation**
 **Bestseller**



The Dark Side of the Moon
320 pages
2000

 **Movie Adaptation**
 **Bestseller**



Small World
336 pages
1997

 **Award winner**
 **Movie Adaptation**
 **Bestseller**