

# Diogenes

**Hansjörg Schneider**  
**Night Book for Astrid**

Published by Diogenes as *Nachtbuch für Astrid*  
Original title: *Nachtbuch für Astrid*



- A book of comfort for times of loss.
- Strikingly open and honest.
- Hansjörg Schneider's last crime novel ›Hunkeler and the Eyes of Oedipus‹ was number 1 on the Swiss best-seller list.

»When I wrote this book, I concentrated on authenticity rather than getting caught up with stylistic finesse. It is a diary of my grief. I could have chiseled a gravestone for Astrid. But as I am a writer, not a stonemason, this book is my gift for her instead.«  
When Hansjörg Schneider's wife Astrid died of cancer in 1997, they had lived together for more than thirty years. »The truth is that we loved each other from the very beginning, and for a lifetime.«  
After her death, Hansjörg Schneider kept a diary for one year. The result is a personal book about a great love and a moving document of grief.

## Book factsheet

Contemporary Literature  
128 pages  
11.6 x 18.4 cm  
April 2012

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### Movie adaptations

#### **2011: Hunkeler und die Augen des Ödipus. TV-Verfilmung SF 1**

Director: Christian von Castelberg  
Screenplay: Dominik Bernet  
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Axel Milberg, Marie Leuenberger

#### **2011: Silberkiesel. Hunkeler tritt ab**

Director: Markus Fischer  
Screenplay: Dominik Bernet  
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi, Charlotte Heinemann, Cynthia Coray und Ercan Durmaz.

#### **2009: Hunkeler und der Fall Livius**

Director: Stefan Jäger  
Screenplay: Dominik Bernet  
Cast: Matthias Gnädinger, Klaus Henner Russius, Gilles Tschudi, Jean Pierre Gos

#### **2008: Hunkeler macht Sachen**

Director: Markus Fischer  
Screenplay: Dominik Bernet  
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Charlotte Heinemann, Oliver Tobias

#### **2005: Tod einer Ärztin**

Director: Markus Fischer  
Screenplay: Markus Fischer  
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Charlotte Heinemann, André Jung

#### **2004: Das Paar im Kahn**

Director: Marie-Louise Bless  
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi, Andrea Bettini

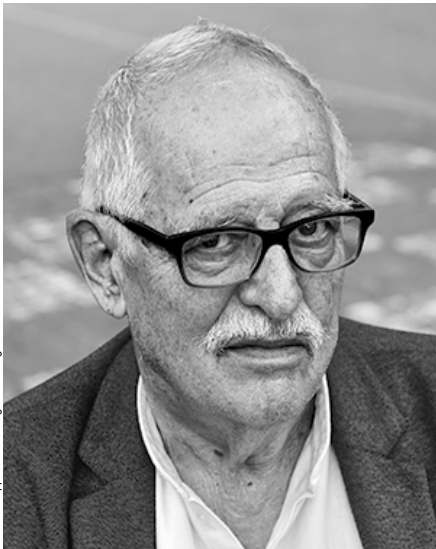
#### **1981: Sennentuntschi. Fernsehspiel**

Director: Hansjörg Schneider  
Cast: Joseph Arnold, Walo Lüönd, Hanspeter Müller-Drossaart, Maja Stolle

### Awards

- 2018 ›Ehrendoktor‹ der Philosophisch-Historischen Fakultät der Universität Basel
- 2016 ›Ehrenpreis Burgdorfer Krimitage‹ für *Hunkeler-Reihe*
- 2005 ›Friedrich-Glauser-Preis‹ für *Hunkeler macht Sachen*
- 2003 Schweizer Schillerpreis
- 1998 Wetzlarer Phantastikpreis
- 1986 Aargauer Literaturpreis
- 1986 Literaturpreis der Stadt Basel
- 1981 Werkjahr des Kantons Zürich
- 1979 Werkjahr der Pro Helvetia

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Hansjörg Schneider, born in Aarau, Switzerland, in 1938, worked as a teacher and journalist. For a long time, he was one of the most performed playwrights in the German language and his *Hunkeler* crime novels are regularly on the Swiss Bestseller list. Hansjörg Schneider has received numerous awards, among them the »Friedrich Glauser Prize« in 2005. He lives and writes in Basel.

**Awards (cont'd)**

- 1977 Stipendiat des Berliner Künstlerprogramms (DAAD)
- 1976 »Preis der Welti-Stiftung für das Drama« *Der Erfinder*

**Praise**

*Night Book for Astrid*

»By the time you put this book down, you will not be the same person you were when you picked it up.« – Beatrice von Matt / Neue Zürcher Zeitung

Hansjörg Schneider

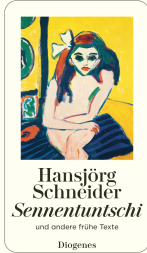
»Hansjörg Schneider is a talented and conscientious storyteller.« – Sabine Brandt / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

»Hansjörg Schneider has created a wonderful protagonist: rugged, awkward and likeable.« – Volker Albers / Hamburger Abendblatt

»Hansjörg Schneider's crime stories will have you hooked. As soon as a murderer is caught, you are already longing for the next one to appear.« – Benedikt Scherer / Tages-Anzeiger, Zurich

»Ideal for anyone who enjoys Martin Beck, Wallander and Maigret.« – [crimefictionlover.com](http://crimefictionlover.com)

»Hansjörg Schneider is very addictive! Definitely one of the greatest German speaking authors.« – Jochen Schmoldt / Plärrer, Nürnberg



*Herdsmen's Doll*  
224 pages  
2024



*Sparrows at the Fountain*  
208 pages  
2023  
**Bestseller**



*The Owl over the Rhine*  
288 pages  
2021  
**Bestseller**



*Hunkeler in the Wilderness*  
224 pages  
2020  
**Bestseller**



*In the Café and on the Street*  
240 pages  
2019



*Child of the Aare*  
352 pages  
2018  
**Bestseller**



*Dear Leo*  
304 pages  
2016

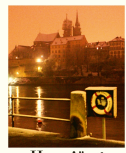


*Hunkeler's Secret*  
208 pages  
2015



Hansjörg  
Schneider  
*Hunkeler und  
die goldene Hand*  
Der sechste Fall  
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*Hunkeler and the  
'Golden Hand'*  
240 pages  
2013



Hansjörg  
Schneider  
*Hunkeler und  
der Fall Livius*  
Der sechste Fall  
Roman · Diogenes

*The Murder of Anton  
Livius*  
256 pages  
2013  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
🏆 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg  
Schneider  
*Hunkeler  
macht Sachen*  
Der fünfte Fall  
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*The Basel Killings*  
288 pages  
2013  
🏆 **Award winner**  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**



Hansjörg  
Schneider  
*Das Wasser-  
zeichen*  
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*The Watermark*  
304 pages  
2013



Hansjörg  
Schneider  
*Nüpferte  
unter  
dem Haus*  
Diogenes

*Hippos under the House*  
224 pages  
2012



Hansjörg  
Schneider  
*Tod  
einer Ärztin*  
Hunkelers vierter Fall  
Roman · Diogenes

*Death of a Doctor*  
240 pages  
2011  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
🏆 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg  
Schneider  
*Das Paar  
im Kahn*  
Hunkelers dritter Fall  
Roman · Diogenes

*The Couple on the Barge*  
224 pages  
2011  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
🏆 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg  
Schneider  
*Fluttermann*  
Hunkelers zweiter Fall  
Roman · Diogenes

*The Fluttering Man*  
160 pages  
2011  
🏆 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg  
Schneider  
*Silberkiesel*  
Hunkelers erster Fall  
Roman · Diogenes

*Silver Pebbles*  
240 pages  
2011  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
🏆 **Bestseller**



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Schneider  
*Hunkeler und  
die Augen  
des Oedipus*  
Roman · Diogenes

*Hunkeler and the Eyes of  
Oedipus*  
240 pages  
2010  
📺 **Movie Adaptation**  
🏆 **Bestseller**