

# Diogenes

Ingrid Noll  
*Tally-Ho*

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In this zany mixture of crime comedy and spy novel the grand dame of German crime literature has her heroines spy in both their private and professional lives.

Karin and Holda are on a manhunt; after all, they do not want to be left on the shelf. But someone is hunting for them, too: in post-war Bonn, a very particular kind of Romeo is on their trail. Big politics encounters the longing for a little bit of happiness. Tally-Ho – the life of the two friends becomes an adventure, boring everyday life is a thing of the past. Woe betides he who comes into their sights . . . A journey through time and into the minds of young women in the 1950s.

## Book factsheet

Crime Fiction, Contemporary Literature  
320 pages  
11.6 x 18.4 cm  
August 2017

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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 Hunthgeburst  
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

*Tally-Ho*

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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 ›Glaser Prize of Honour‹ for her oeuvre.

**Praise (cont'd)**

»Ingrid Noll's *Halali* is an amusing trip back to the 1950s – with murderous incidents in between.« – Christel Freitag / NDR Kultur, Hamburg

»Diverting and entertaining.« – Thomas Groß / Mannheimer Morgen

»A captivating spy story.« – Franziska Trost / Kronen Zeitung, Vienna

**Ingrid Noll**

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

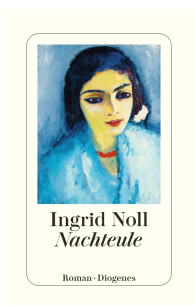
»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / SonntagsZeitung, Zürich

»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  
2022  
**Bestseller**



*Fickle Flames*  
304 pages  
2021  
**Bestseller**



*With Love, Karl*  
336 pages  
2020  
**Bestseller**



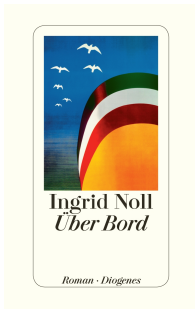
*Good as Gold*  
368 pages  
2019  
**Bestseller**



*Lunchtime*  
224 pages  
2015  
**Bestseller**



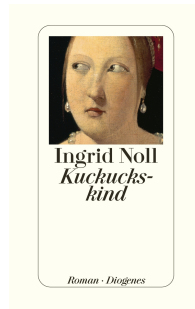
*Till Greed Do Us Part*  
256 pages  
2014  
**Bestseller**



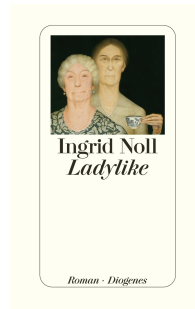
**Overboard**  
336 pages  
2012  
🏆 **Bestseller**



**Word of Honour**  
336 pages  
2010  
🏆 **Bestseller**



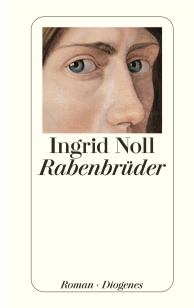
**Cuckoo's Child**  
352 pages  
2008  
🏆 **Bestseller**



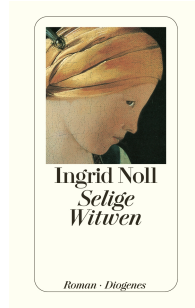
**Ladylike**  
336 pages  
2006  
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**  
🏆 **Bestseller**



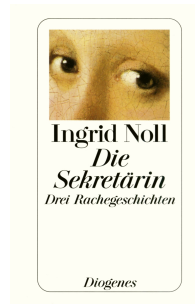
**False Tongues**  
256 pages  
2004  
🏆 **Bestseller**



**Rabenbrüder**  
288 pages  
2003  
🏆 **Bestseller**



**Blissfully Widowed**  
272 pages  
2001  
🏆 **Bestseller**



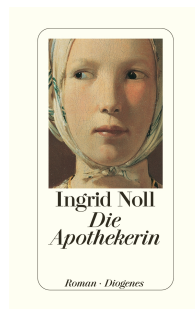
**The Secretary**  
96 pages  
2000  
🏆 **Bestseller**



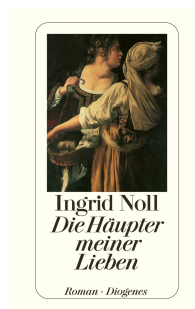
**Red Rose**  
288 pages  
1998  
🏆 **Bestseller**



**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**