

# Diogenes

Ingrid Noll

*Cold is the Evening's Breeze*

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Ingrid Noll  
*Kalt ist  
der Abend-  
hauch*

*Roman · Diogenes*

Book factsheet

Crime Fiction, Contemporary Literature  
256 pages  
11.6 x 18.4 cm  
July 1996

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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 Hunthgeburd  
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

Charlotte, aged 83 and still sprightly, comes from well-ordered circumstances. She always clears up before visitors arrive, and several people have spent the night at her place. Now someone special has announced his arrival: Hugo, her brother-in-law, for whom she always had a weakness. Can it be that they will pass a romantic evening together? Will their story have a happy end? Charlotte makes her plans with longing tinged with anxiety, but above all she is invaded by vivid memories of her eventful past: how she fought her way through during the war and the post-war years as a single mother, and how long it took for the wounds of a shattered love to heal. But Charlotte is not a pathetic figure, she is a wise woman with wit and charm whose final trump is her age... Her life together with a man who was not her husband, her fear of being an old maid, and a man who came back too late from the war – all this combines to make a colourful picture in which the joy and love of life have a prominent place – provided that the principles of marriage are not taken too seriously. Ingrid Noll's heroine's narrations of a disseminated family are touching and tragicomic at one and the same time. It is no coincidence that Cora, who contrived to make her Tuscan lover disappear beneath the tiles on the terrace, is Charlotte's granddaughter...

#### 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



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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.

<p>Ingrid Noll <i>Nachteule</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	<p>Ingrid Noll <i>Gruß aus der Küche</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	<p>Ingrid Noll <i>Tea Time</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	<p>Ingrid Noll <i>Kein Feuer kann brennen so heiß</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>
<p><i>The Night Owl</i> 304 pages 2025</p>	<p><i>Greetings from the Kitchen</i> 304 pages 2024 🏆 Bestseller</p>	<p><i>Tea Time</i> 320 pages 2022 🏆 Bestseller</p>	<p><i>Fickle Flames</i> 304 pages 2021 🏆 Bestseller</p>



**Ingrid Noll  
In Liebe  
Dein Karl**  
Diogenes  
**With Love, Karl**  
336 pages  
2020  
**Bestseller**



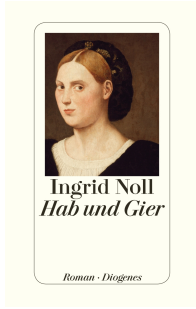
**Ingrid Noll  
Goldschatz**  
Roman - Diogenes  
**Good as Gold**  
368 pages  
2019  
**Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll  
Halali**  
Roman - Diogenes  
**Tally-Ho**  
320 pages  
2017  
**Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll  
Der  
Mittagstisch**  
Roman - Diogenes  
**Lunchtime**  
224 pages  
2015  
**Bestseller**



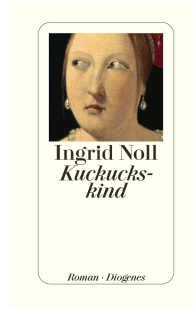
**Ingrid Noll  
Hab und Gier**  
Roman - Diogenes  
**Till Greed Do Us Part**  
256 pages  
2014  
**Bestseller**



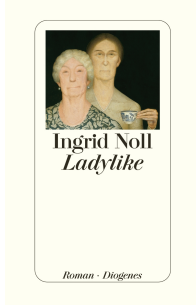
**Ingrid Noll  
Über Bord**  
Roman - Diogenes  
**Overboard**  
336 pages  
2012  
**Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll  
Ehrenwort**  
Roman - Diogenes  
**Word of Honour**  
336 pages  
2010  
**Bestseller**



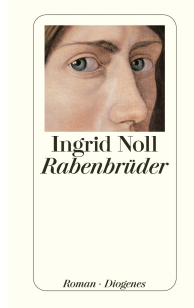
**Ingrid Noll  
Kuckucks-  
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Roman - Diogenes  
**Cuckoo's Child**  
352 pages  
2008  
**Bestseller**



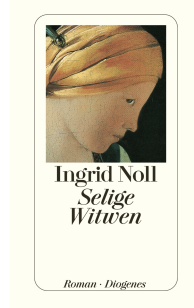
**Ingrid Noll  
Ladylike**  
Roman - Diogenes  
**Ladylike**  
336 pages  
2006  
**Movie Adaptation**  
**Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll  
Falsche  
Zungen**  
Diogenes  
**False Tongues**  
256 pages  
2004  
**Bestseller**



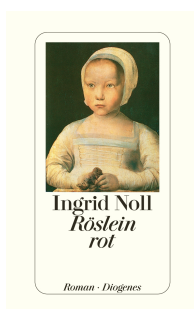
**Ingrid Noll  
Rabenbrüder**  
Roman - Diogenes  
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288 pages  
2003  
**Bestseller**



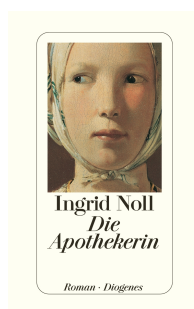
**Ingrid Noll  
Selige  
Witwen**  
Roman - Diogenes  
**Blissfully Widowed**  
272 pages  
2001  
**Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll  
Die  
Sekretärin**  
Drei Rache-geschichten  
Diogenes  
**The Secretary**  
96 pages  
2000  
**Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll  
Röslein  
rot**  
Roman - Diogenes  
**Red Rose**  
288 pages  
1998  
**Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll  
Die  
Apothekerin**  
Roman - Diogenes  
**The Pharmacist**  
256 pages  
1994  
**Movie Adaptation**  
**Bestseller**



**Ingrid Noll  
Die Häupter  
meiner  
Lieben**  
Roman - Diogenes  
**Head Count**  
288 pages  
1993  
**Movie Adaptation**  
**Bestseller**



*Hell Hath No Fury*  
272 pages  
1991

 **Movie Adaptation**  
 **Bestseller**