

# Diogenes

**Hansjörg Schneider**  
*Silver Pebbles*

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Hunkelers erster Fall

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The hunt for diamonds belonging to the drugs mafia is keeping Inspector Hunkeler on tenterhooks. A Lebanese courier gets rid of his wares before the police can seize him. The diamonds are found by a canal worker, who is determined to keep his lucky find. But the courier will do anything to get them back. With this, his first case, Inspector Peter Hunkeler from Basel makes his literary debut.

Book factsheet

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February 2011

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English/world (Bitter Lemon)  
French (Le Verger)  
Persian (Aftabkaran)

#### **📌 Bestseller**

Swiss Bestseller

#### **🎬 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**

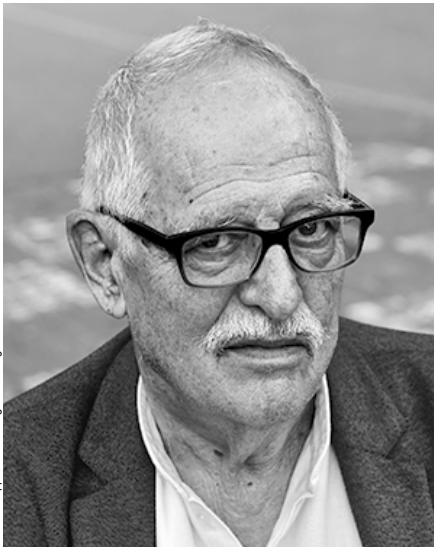
Director: Marie-Louise Bless  
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi, Andrea Bettini

##### **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



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)

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

### Praise

#### Silver Pebbles

›This silver pebble is in truth a little diamond.« – Die Presse, Vienna

Hansjörg Schneider

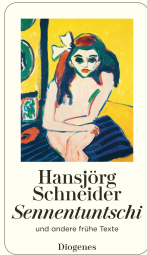
›Hansjörg Schneider is a talented and conscientious storyteller.« – Sabine Brandt / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

›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

›Hansjörg Schneider is very addictive! Definitely one of the greatest German speaking authors.« – Jochen Schmoltdt / 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



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*Hunkeler und die goldene Hand*  
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*Hunkeler and the Golden Hand*  
240 pages  
2013



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Hunkeler und der Fall Livius*  
Der sechste Fall  
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*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 Wasserzeichen*  
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*The Watermark*  
304 pages  
2013



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Nipferde unter dem Haus*  
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*Hippos under the House*  
224 pages  
2012



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Nachbuch für Astrid*  
Von der Liebe von Schiller, von Tod und von der Tante darüber die geliebten Menschen verloren zu haben  
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*Night Book for Astrid*  
128 pages  
2012



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Tod einer Ärztin*  
Hunkelers vierter Fall  
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*Death of a Doctor*  
240 pages  
2011

**Movie Adaptation**  
 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Das Paar im Kahn*  
Hunkelers dritter Fall  
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*The Couple on the Barge*  
224 pages  
2011

**Movie Adaptation**  
 **Bestseller**



Hansjörg Schneider  
*Fluttermann*  
Hunkelers zweiter Fall  
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*The Fluttering Man*  
160 pages  
2011

**Bestseller**



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

*Hunkeler and the Eyes of Oedipus*  
240 pages  
2010

**Movie Adaptation**  
 **Bestseller**