

Jakob Arjouni
Holy Eddy

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What a silly coincidence: Berlin's currently most hated man, fast food millionaire Horst König, trips right in front of Eddy's apartment door of all places. For the last thing that Eddy needs is the attention of the police. After all, he is a likeable trickster who finances his lifestyle by fleecing well- to-do people as well as a musician, complete with a bourgeois façade on Berlin's Kreuzberg with its leftist community. Although Eddy initially handles the situation well, the story soon gets out of control. The Horst König case develops into Berlin's major media event. Eddy is troubled by a bad conscience and tempted to explain all misunderstandings – especially to König's beautiful and eccentric daughter Romy.

›Holy Eddy‹ is a story about the disappearance of one of Berlin's big businessmen, about gossip journalists, a city going wild – and about the world's most wonderful scent.

Book factsheet

General Fiction
256 pages
11.6 x 18.4 cm
February 2009

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Movie adaptations

2017: Am Ruder

Director: Stephan Wagner
Screenplay: Stephan und Alexandra Maxeiner Wagner
Cast: Wotan Wilke Möhring, Julia Koschitz und Inga Birkenfeld

1992: Happy Birthday, Türke

Director: Doris Dörrie
Cast: Hansa Czipionka, Özay Fecht, Doris Kunstmann, Lambert Hamel

Awards

- 1992 Deutscher Krimi Preis für ›Ein Mann, ein Mord‹.
- 1987 Baden-Württembergischer Autorenpreis für das deutschsprachige Jugendtheater für sein Theaterstück ›Nazim schiebt ab‹.

Praise

Jakob Arjouni

»Magnificent« – The Guardian

»Arjouni deserves to be better known in the English speaking world.« – The Times

»Jakob Arjouni writes the best urban thrillers since Raymond Chandler.« – Tempo

»A master of the sketch and the caricature.« – Die Welt

»Impossible to put his books down.« – El Pais

»A worthy grandson of Marlowe and Spade.« – Stern

»Arjouni tells real-life stories, and they virtually never have a happy ending. He tells them so well, with such flexible dialogue and cleverly maintained tension, that it is impossible to put his books down.« – El Pais, Madrid

»A genuine storyteller who beguiles his readers without the need of tricks.« – L'Unità, Milan



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Jakob Arjouni, born 1964 in Frankfurt on the Main, has published novels, short stories, theatre and radio plays. Arjouni was only twenty-one years old when his acclaimed debut, ›Happy birthday, Turk!‹ was published and its main character, the Frankfurt-based private detective Kemal Kayankaya, took on his very first investigation. In 1991, the book was made into a film, directed by Doris Dörrie. Three further cases followed; for the third, ›One Man, One Murder‹, Jakob Arjouni was awarded the 1992 ›German Crime Fiction Prize‹. In autumn 2012, ›Brother Kemal‹, the fifth volume starring the German-Turkish investigator was published. The series is now firmly established as a classic amongst crime literature.

Apart from his stage plays, his work also includes the Berlin novels ›Magic Hoffmann‹ (1996) and ›Holy Eddy‹ (2009) as well as ›Idiots. Five Fairy Tales‹ (2003). His novels ›Homework‹, ›Chez Max‹, and particularly his novel about an East-German Nazi follower, ›Cherryman Hunts Mister White‹, are now on school reading lists. The theme of addressing violence in all its forms runs through Arjouni's work like a red thread.

His readers loved him for his thrilling, sharp-tongued, linguistically unpretentious, witty and clever books. He died on the 17th of January 2013 in Berlin.



The Kayankaya Novels
1080 pages
2014



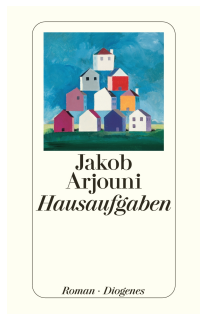
Brother Kemal
240 pages
2012



Cherryman Hunts Mister
White
176 pages
2011



Chez Max
224 pages
2006



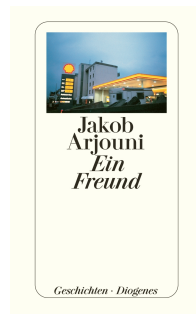
Homework
192 pages
2004



Idiots. Five fairy tales
160 pages
2003

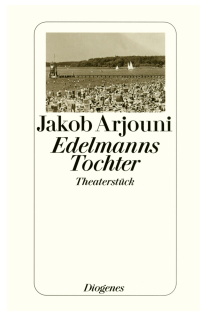


Kismet
272 pages
2001



A Friend
176 pages
1998

 **Movie Adaptation**



Edelmann's Daughter
96 pages
1996



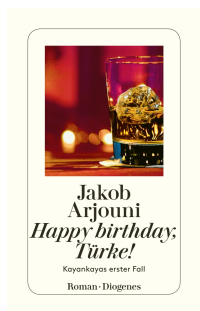
Magic Hoffmann
288 pages
1996



One Man, One Murder
192 pages
1991



More Beer
176 pages
1987



Happy Birthday, Turk!
176 pages
1987

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