

Diogenes

Ingrid Noll
The Pharmacist

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Would you confide your life confession to Rosemarie Hirte? You don't know who that is? – Then you are no different from Hella Moormann who has this nondescript, unknown person in the bed next to her in the Heidelberg gynaecological hospital. Night for night Hella tells Rosemarie about her life in order to while away the long hospital nights. The old maid does not pay much attention to her, drops off repeatedly, or so Hella thinks, so that she finally also confesses some matters to her which she has never confided to anybody before. Hella, a pharmacist by profession, suffers from an urge to rescue and mother people, which is responsible for her landing with the wrong men time and again - and in the most fantastic of situations: an inheritance which has certain drawbacks, drugs, dangerous dentures, a happy-go-lucky student and a child with several fathers are all involved. And not to be forgotten, Rosemarie Hirte in the role of an unpredictable mother confessor...

Book factsheet

Crime Fiction, Contemporary Literature
256 pages
11.6 x 18.4 cm
August 1994

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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*



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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

The Pharmacist

›Family problems have probably never been solved in such an unusual way.« – Newmag, Munich

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

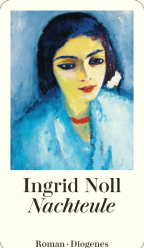
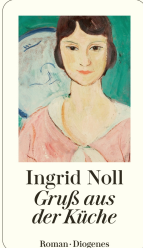






›Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / SonntagsZeitung, Zürich

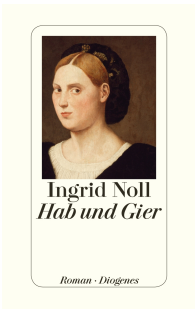
›Ingrid Noll is often referred to as Germany's ›Queen of Crime‹, and she fully deserves this title.« – The Sunday Times, London

›Riveting reading – we are captivated precisely because it is all so familiar.« – Dieter Hildebrandt / Sender Freies Berlin

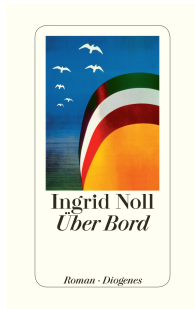
›Ingrid Noll has truly mastered the art of the comic crime novel.« – Ulli Wagner / SR3, Saarbrücken

›Still the most original crime writer in the German language.« – Christel Freitag / NDR Kultur, Hamburg

 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Nachteule</i> Roman-Diogenes</p> <p><i>The Night Owl</i> 304 pages 2025</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Gruß aus der Küche</i> Roman-Diogenes</p> <p><i>Greetings from the Kitchen</i> 304 pages 2024 Bestseller</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Tea Time</i> Roman-Diogenes</p> <p><i>Tea Time</i> 320 pages 2022 Bestseller</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Kein Feuer kann brennen so heiß</i> Roman-Diogenes</p> <p><i>Fickle Flames</i> 304 pages 2021 Bestseller</p>
 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>In Liebe Dein Karl</i> Diogenes</p> <p><i>With Love, Karl</i> 336 pages 2020 Bestseller</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Goldschatz</i> Roman-Diogenes</p> <p><i>Good as Gold</i> 368 pages 2019 Bestseller</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Halali</i> Roman-Diogenes</p> <p><i>Tally-Ho</i> 320 pages 2017 Bestseller</p>	 <p>Ingrid Noll <i>Der Mittagstisch</i> Roman-Diogenes</p> <p><i>Lunchtime</i> 224 pages 2015 Bestseller</p>



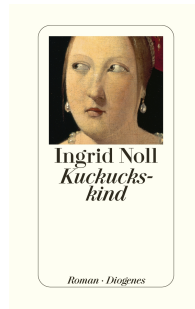
Till Greed Do Us Part
256 pages
2014
📺 **Bestseller**



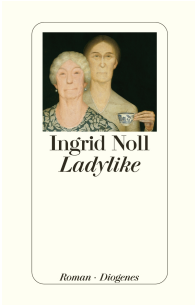
Overboard
336 pages
2012
📺 **Bestseller**



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



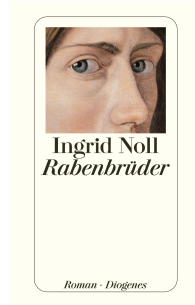
Cuckoo's Child
352 pages
2008
📺 **Bestseller**



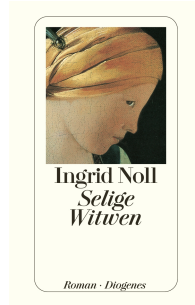
Ladylike
336 pages
2006
📺 **Movie Adaptation**
📺 **Bestseller**



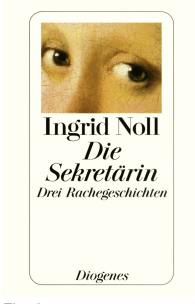
False Tongues
256 pages
2004
📺 **Bestseller**



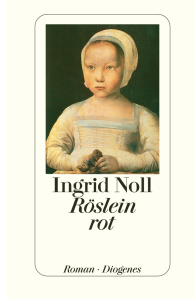
Rabenbrüder
288 pages
2003
📺 **Bestseller**



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**



Head Count
288 pages
1993
📺 **Movie Adaptation**
📺 **Bestseller**



Hell Hath No Fury
272 pages
1991
📺 **Movie Adaptation**
📺 **Bestseller**