

Diogenes

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The Watermark

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In a Swiss village at the end of the 1930s, a boy is born with a gill-like wound on his neck. It hurts when it dries out, and has to be watered regularly. As a result, little Moses Binswanger spends more time in the surrounding streams and ponds than in his family home, with his loving but unhappy mother and his rough father, who finds his own son and his ›watermark‹ creepy.

Moses also retreats to the water when he cannot bear being around people anymore; wherever he goes, he is met by a mixture of horror and fascination. Women especially are fascinated by his ›watermark‹. But love proves to be a dangerous whirlpool which may tear lovers down into deadly depths.

Book factsheet

Contemporary Literature
304 pages
11.3 x 18 cm
February 2013

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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

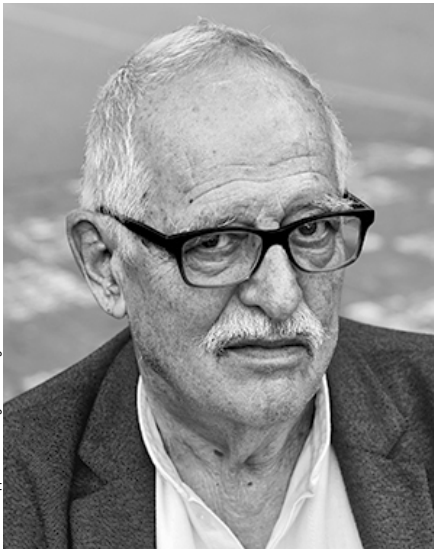
Director: Marie-Louise Bless
Cast: Mathias Gnädinger, Gilles Tschudi, Andrea Bettini

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
- 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



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)

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

Praise

The Watermark

»*The Watermark* shows that Hansjörg Schneider is a master of his trade.« – Neue Zürcher Zeitung

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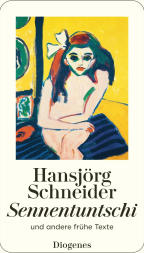







»Hansjörg Schneider is a talented and conscientious storyteller.« – Sabine Brandt / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

»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 Schmoldt / Plärrer, Nürnberg

 <p>Hansjörg Schneider <i>Sennentuntschi</i> und andere frühe Texte Diogenes</p>	 <p>Hansjörg Schneider <i>Spatzen am Brunnen</i> Aus dem Tagebuch Diogenes</p>	 <p>Hansjörg Schneider <i>Die Eule über dem Rhein</i> Diogenes</p>	 <p>Hansjörg Schneider <i>Hunkeler in der Wildnis</i> Der zehnte Fall Roman · Diogenes</p>
<p><i>Herdsmen's Doll</i> 224 pages 2024</p>	<p><i>Sparrows at the Fountain</i> 208 pages 2023 Bestseller</p>	<p><i>The Owl over the Rhine</i> 288 pages 2021 Bestseller</p>	<p><i>Hunkeler in the Wilderness</i> 224 pages 2020 Bestseller</p>
 <p>Hansjörg Schneider <i>Im Café und auf der Straße</i> Diogenes</p>	 <p>Hansjörg Schneider <i>Kind der Aare</i> Diogenes</p>	 <p>Hansjörg Schneider <i>Lieber Leo</i> Roman · Diogenes</p>	 <p>Hansjörg Schneider <i>Hunkelers Geheimnis</i> Der neunte Fall Roman · Diogenes</p>
<p><i>In the Café and on the Street</i> 240 pages 2019</p>	<p><i>Child of the Aare</i> 352 pages 2018 Bestseller</p>	<p><i>Dear Leo</i> 304 pages 2016</p>	<p><i>Hunkeler's Secret</i> 208 pages 2015</p>



Hunkeler and the Golden Hand
240 pages
2013



The Murder of Anton Livius
256 pages
2013

 **Movie Adaptation**
 **Bestseller**



The Basel Killings
288 pages
2013

 **Award winner**
 **Movie Adaptation**



Hippus under the House
224 pages
2012



Night Book for Astrid
128 pages
2012



Death of a Doctor
240 pages
2011

 **Movie Adaptation**
 **Bestseller**



The Couple on the Barge
224 pages
2011

 **Movie Adaptation**
 **Bestseller**



The Fluttering Man
160 pages
2011

 **Bestseller**



Silver Pebbles
240 pages
2011

 **Movie Adaptation**
 **Bestseller**



Hunkeler and the Eyes of Oedipus
240 pages
2010

 **Movie Adaptation**
 **Bestseller**