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Book factsheet

Helme Heine
The Adventurers

Published by Diogenes as *Die Abenteurer*
Original title: *Die Abenteurer*



It's another dull day in Mullewapp, and Waldemar the hog, Franz von Hahn and Johnny Mauser do not know what to do with themselves. High time for a real adventure! The three friends grab their bikes and cycle all around the world – a princess needs their help, a treasure is waiting to be unearthed, and they have a narrow escape from a cannibal. But with the help of Jumbo the elephant they still make it home in time for dinner.

Children's Books
28 pages
22 × 27.5 cm
September 1994

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Movie adaptation

1992/93: Sauerkraut
Director: Helme Heine
Cast: 13teilige Zeichentrickfilmserie

Praise

The Adventurers

»A beautiful and very humorous picture book.« – Margarete v. Schwarzkopf / Norddeutscher Rundfunk, Hamburg

»This colourful story with three animal musketeers will charm children.« – Südkurier, Constance

»Mr. Heine's sequel, *Friends Go Adventuring*, is a delight, richly infused with genial humor and sophisticated whimsy.« – Ellen Pall / The New York Times

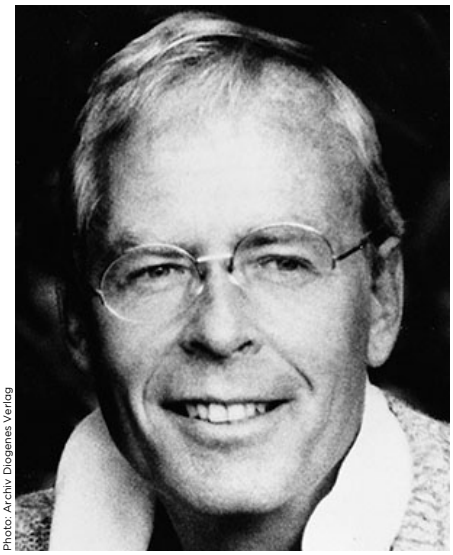
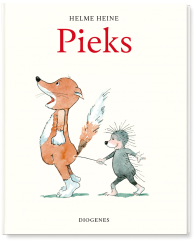


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Helme Heine (1941 – 2025) authored more than thirty children's books, with millions of copies sold around the world. He received numerous awards and honours, including the ›Grand Prize of the German Academy of Children's and Young Adults' Literature‹, and the ›Best Illustrated Children's Books of the Year‹ by the *New York Times* on a number of occasions. Helme Heine died in New Zealand in 2025.



Poke
36 pages, 22 × 27.5 cm
2026



A Bed for Rosa
32 pages, 22 × 27.5 × 0.8 cm
2025



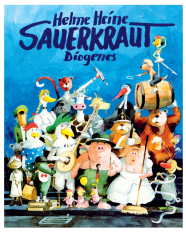
Mini
36 pages, 22 × 27.5 × 0.9 cm
2023



My Friend RamTamTam
36 pages, 22 × 27.5 × 0.8 cm
2021



Hans and Henriette
28 pages, 22 × 27.5 cm
1993



Sauerkraut
176 pages, 22 × 27 cm
1992
Movie Adaptation