

# Diogenes

**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.

## Book factsheet

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

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 **Movie adaptation**

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

### Praise

*The Adventurers*

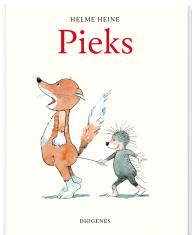
»A beautiful and very humorous picture book.«  
– Margarete v. Schwarzkopf / Norddeutscher  
Rundfunk, Hamburg

»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



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.



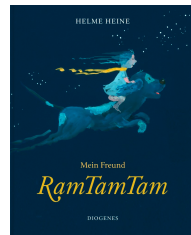
**Poke**  
32 pages  
2026



**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**