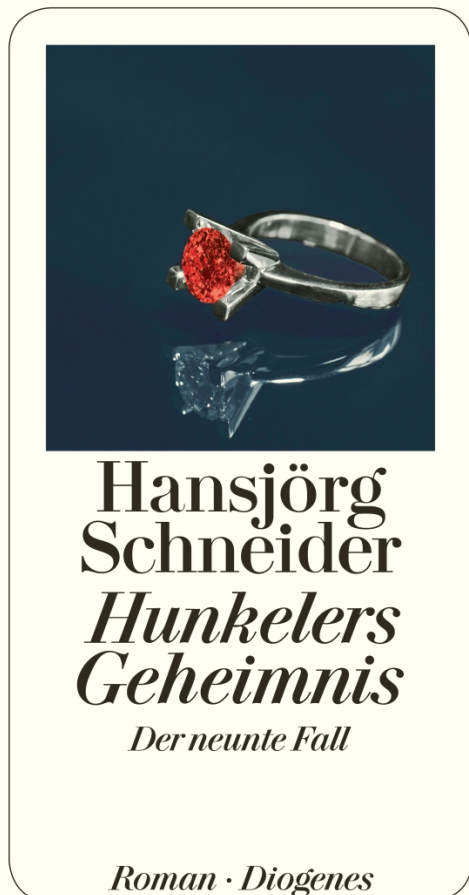


**Hansjörg Schneider**  
***Hunkeler's Secret***

Published by Diogenes as *Hunkelers Geheimnis*  
Original title: *Hunkelers Geheimnis*



Peter Hunkeler, now a retired inspector of the Basel police force, hospitalized following surgery and shared the room with an old acquaintance: Stephan Fankhauser, a colourful character. Once a wild member of the 1968 student movement, over the course of the years he made his way through the institutions and became director of a bank. Now Fankhauser is seriously ill. One night, Hunkeler had just been given a sleeping pill, he noticed a nurse with a ruby ring on her hand administering an injection to the fellow patient. Strangely, Fankhauser is resisting it intently. And does not the night nurse usually wear a diamond ring? The next morning, when Hunkeler wakes up, Fankhauser is dead. Was it all just a dream? Hunkeler is not sure, but he resolves to get to the bottom of the matter.

## Book factsheet

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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

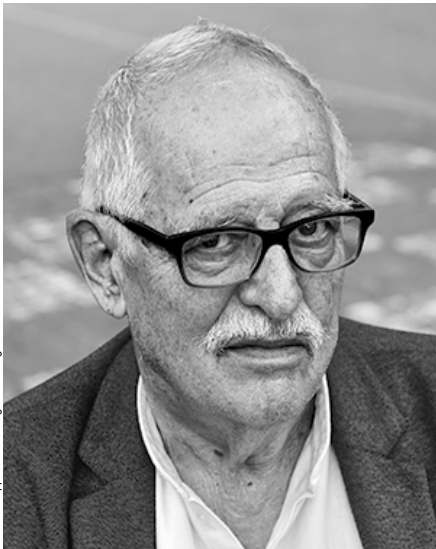
**1981: Sennentuntschi. Fernsehspiel**

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

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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)**

- 1986 Literaturpreis der Stadt Basel
- 1981 Werkjahr des Kantons Zürich
- 1979 Werkjahr der Pro Helvetia
- 1977 Stipendiat des Berliner Künstlerprogramms (DAAD)
- 1976 »Preis der Welti-Stiftung für das Drama« *Der Erfinder*

**Praise**

Hansjörg Schneider

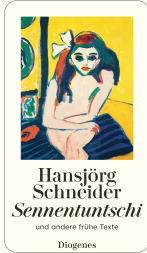
»Hansjörg Schneider is a talented and conscientious storyteller.« – Sabine Brandt / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

»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



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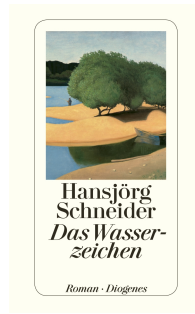
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 **Bestseller**



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2013

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



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2010

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