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## Jakob Arjouni *The Kayankaya Novels*

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The series with the Frankfurt-based private detective Kemal Kayankaya has been established long ago as a classic amongst crime literature, thanks to deadpan humour, sparkling dialogues and pointed remarks.

All five novels are now available in one volume:

- »Happy Birthday, Turk!«
- »More Beer«
- »One Man, One Murder«
- »Kismet«
- »Brother Kemal«

## Book factsheet

Crime fiction, General Fiction  
1080 pages  
11.6 x 18.4 cm  
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### Movie adaptations

#### 2017: *Am Ruder*

Director: Stephan Wagner  
Screenplay: Stephan und Alexandra Maxeiner Wagner  
Cast: Wotan Wilke Möhring, Julia Koschitz und Inga Birkenfeld

#### 1992: *Happy Birthday, Türke*

Director: Doris Dörrie  
Cast: Hansa Cypionka, Özay Fecht, Doris Kunstmann, Lambert Hamel

### Awards

- 1992 Deutscher Krimi Preis für »Ein Mann, ein Mord«.
- 1987 Baden-Württembergischer Autorenpreis für das deutschsprachige Jugendtheater für sein Theaterstück »Nazim schiebt ab«.

## Praise

Jakob Arjouni

»Magnificent« – The Guardian

»Arjouni deserves to be better known in the English speaking world.« – The Times

»Jakob Arjouni writes the best urban thrillers since Raymond Chandler.« – Tempo

»A master of the sketch and the caricature.« – Die Welt

»Impossible to put his books down.« – El Pais

»A worthy grandson of Marlowe and Spade.« – Stern

»Arjouni tells real-life stories, and they virtually never have a happy ending. He tells them so well, with such flexible dialogue and cleverly maintained tension, that it is impossible to put his books down.« – El Pais, Madrid

»A genuine storyteller who beguiles his readers without the need of tricks.« – L'Unità, Milan

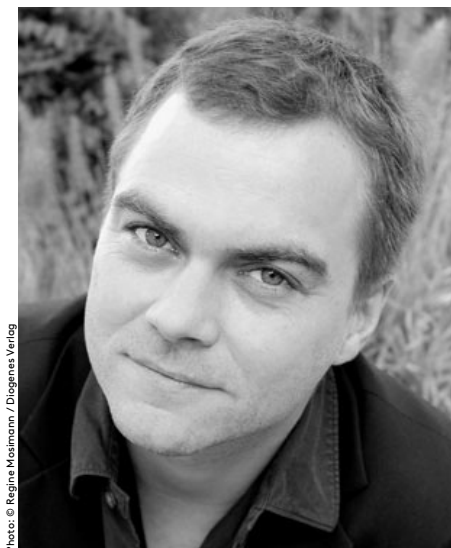


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Jakob Arjouni, born 1964 in Frankfurt on the Main, has published novels, short stories, theatre and radio plays. Arjouni was only twenty-one years old when his acclaimed debut, ›Happy birthday, Turk!‹ was published and its main character, the Frankfurt-based private detective Kemal Kayankaya, took on his very first investigation. In 1991, the book was made into a film, directed by Doris Dörrie. Three further cases followed; for the third, ›One Man, One Murder‹, Jakob Arjouni was awarded the 1992 ›German Crime Fiction Prize‹. In autumn 2012, ›Brother Kemal‹, the fifth volume starring the German-Turkish investigator was published. The series is now firmly established as a classic amongst crime literature.

Apart from his stage plays, his work also includes the Berlin novels ›Magic Hoffmann‹ (1996) and ›Holy Eddy‹ (2009) as well as ›Idiots. Five Fairy Tales‹ (2003). His novels ›Homework‹, ›Chez Max‹, and particularly his novel about an East-German Nazi follower, ›Cherryman Hunts Mister White‹, are now on school reading lists. The theme of addressing violence in all its forms runs through Arjouni's work like a red thread.

His readers loved him for his thrilling, sharp-tongued, linguistically unpretentious, witty and clever books. He died on the 17th of January 2013 in Berlin.



**Brother Kemal**  
240 pages  
2012



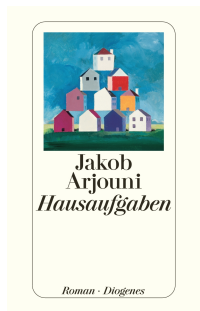
**Cherryman Hunts Mister White**  
176 pages  
2011



**Holy Eddy**  
256 pages  
2009



**Chez Max**  
224 pages  
2006



**Homework**  
192 pages  
2004



**Idiots. Five fairy tales**  
160 pages  
2003

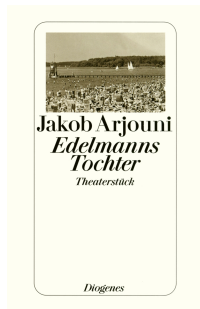


**Kismet**  
272 pages  
2001

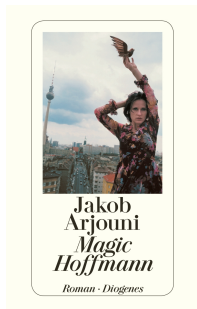


**A Friend**  
176 pages  
1998

 **Movie Adaptation**



**Edelmann's Daughter**  
96 pages  
1996



**Magic Hoffmann**  
288 pages  
1996



**One Man, One Murder**  
192 pages  
1991



**More Beer**  
176 pages  
1987



**Happy Birthday, Turk!**  
176 pages  
1987

 **Movie Adaptation**