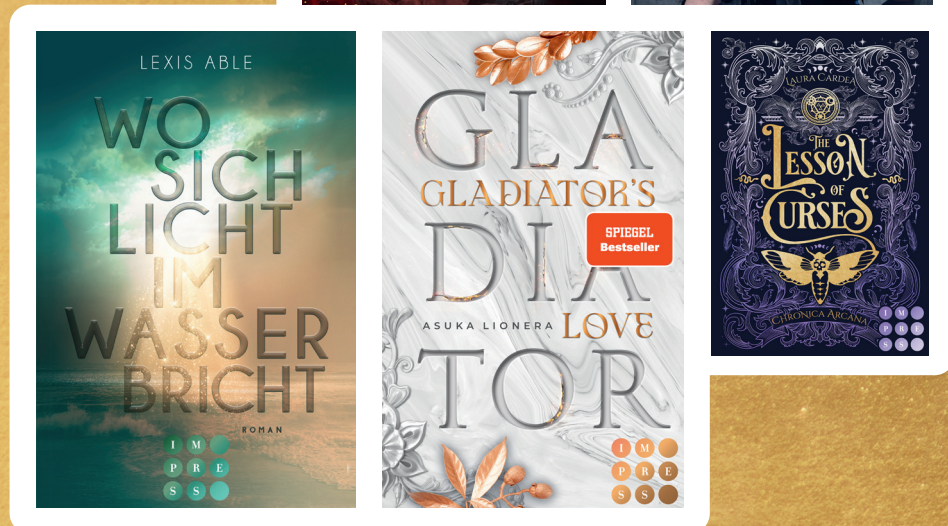
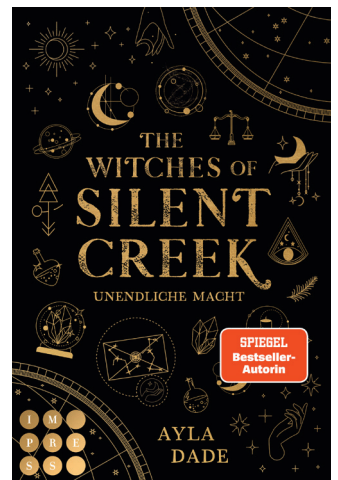
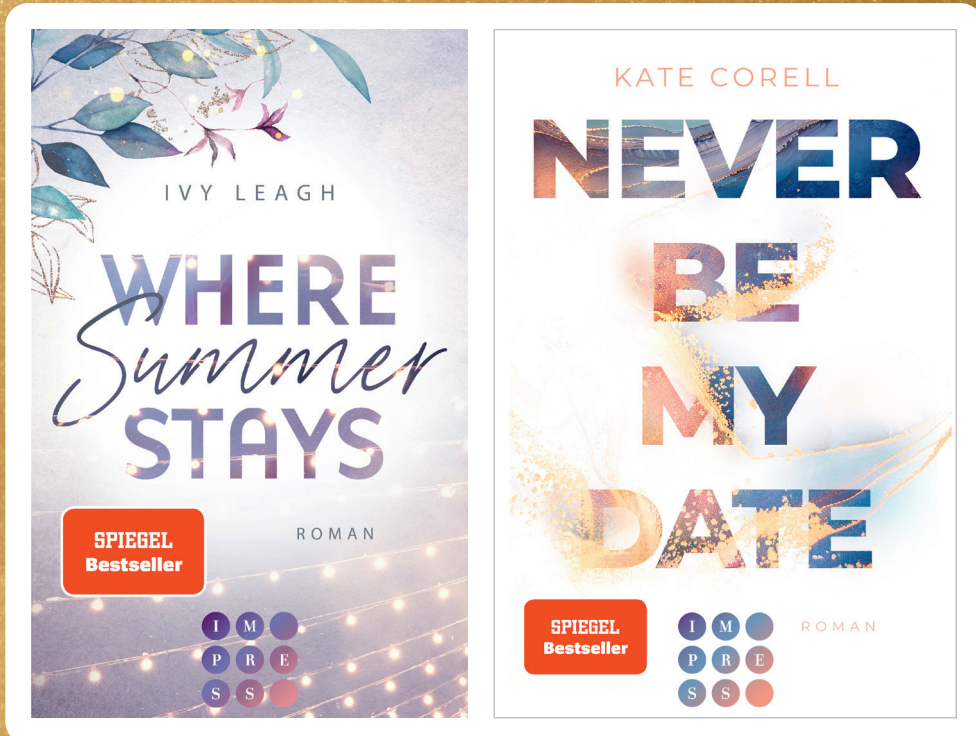


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Dear Publishers,

We have asked our colleague Pia, who is Carlsen's editor-in-chief for the New Adults and Young Adults, to introduce her books. Let's have a look what she likes to mention to you all:

Question: What do wealthy scions at an elite college, magic students at two Prague universities, a classical-music journalist attending a rock festival, a witch queen investigating a murder case undercover, a recent graduate traveling the American West Coast in a minivan, and a demon mistaken for an heiress apparent have in common?! Answer: They are all **NEW ADULTS** – fully fledged and out of the nest, yet not completely independent of their parents; no longer adolescents, but not quite grown-up, either. It's an area of Carlsen's lineup that has grown in leaps and bounds this past year, now accompanying our readers into adulthood.

Along with profound questions of identity, these books offer electrifying love stories full of obstacles, plots that have the reader flying through the pages – and maybe getting flushed cheeks during some of the spicier scenes!

As head of Carlsen's German-language Romance-and-Fantasy area, I am pleased to introduce to you highlights of our **NEW ADULT** lineup and hope you will find terrific new stories and “book-sweethearts” for your readers.

Have fun exploring Pia's **NEW ADULT & YOUNG ADULT** list!

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speaking countries, Russia, Spanish-
speaking countries, Turkey and Ukraine

Only a game or genuine feelings?

- Addictive-reading potential: *doppelgänger* motif meets elite college
- Sizzling new adult story in a popular setting
- Something to look forward to: volume 3 will be published in February '24

CIRCLE OF
FRIENDS /
DATING GAME

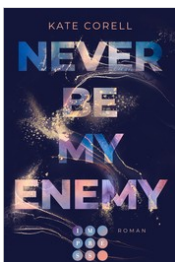
At a high-society gala, Cameron, cash-strapped and in debt, meets Jasper, son of the biggest real-estate mogul in the country, and can hardly believe his eyes: the **two of them could almost be twins**. Jasper makes his double a tempting offer: **switch roles for a semester** at elite Waterbury College in exchange for a debt-free life. Everything seems to be going well until during a dating game, Cameron is matched with Aspen, a very observant millionaire's daughter ...

The celebrated self-publisher **Kate Corell has built up an enthusiastic fan club at Carlsen, too. Her name is synonymous with irresistible entertainment among the romance segment.**



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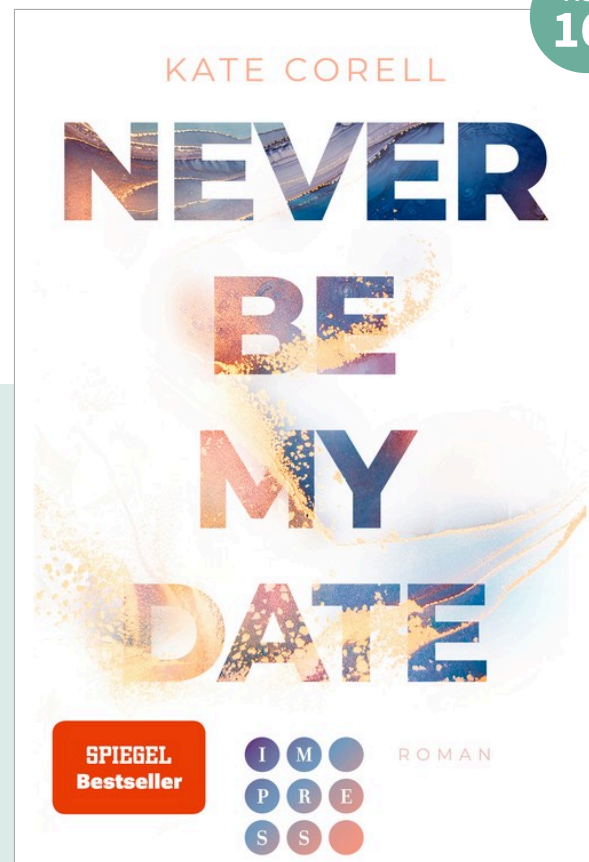
Kate Corell is a child of the 80s. She loves books, sports (only from the bleachers) and music. Together with her husband, a teen, and two crazy bulldogs, she lives as a night owl in the land of early risers.



Never Be My Enemy (vol. 2)
ca. 416 pages
Age: 16+
ISBN 978-3-646-60968-4



Never Be My Love (vol. 3)
ca. 450 pages
Age: 14+
ISBN 978-3-646-61021-5



Kate Corell
Never Be My Date (vol. 1)
ca. 352 pages
Age: 16+
ISBN 978-3-646-60894-6
12/2022



IVY LEAGH

needs only three things in life: travel, caffeine, and writing. After living in London as a free-lance journalist, she now spends her time honing her stories. These days, she only indulges her love of big cities during her travels.

The novel is set in a really unusual place. What drew you to this rock festival atmosphere?

To me, the love story between Charlie and Levy only works in an unconventional place full of spontaneity, bursts of anger, glittery escapades, and canned soup. Don't think too much about it, just do it! Levy's tattoo perfectly encapsulates both that Rock-Never-Dies atmosphere and his and Charlie's relationship.

The two protagonists, Charlie and Levy, each have their demons to wrestle: she suffers from panic attacks; he blames himself for the death of his ex-girlfriend. It's true that our society is getting more open about psychological problems, but people's first instinct is still to try and hide their problems from others and work them out by themselves. What impressed you most about Charlie's and Levy's methods to deal with their demons in the course of the story?

Levy and Charlie both suffer from the self-image they've implanted in their heads, but they deal differently with the consequences. Levy strictly refuses to discuss what's bothering him; Charlie talks about her problems and goes to therapy. So right away we see that Charlie is a courageous protagonist, yet what impresses me most is her development – over the course of the story she comes to believe what she's been telling both herself and Levy. What impresses me about Levy is that by the end of the story, he's able to write his father a letter in which he comes to grips with himself and his fears.

What can readers look forward to in *Where Winter Falls* and *Where Spring Hides*?

Where Winter Falls tells the **enemies-to-lovers** story of Otis and Ella. When Ella DJs at an illegal rave festival, she again meets the policeman Otis and promptly gets caught up in a wild chase with him. Volume 2 takes readers into subterranean Berlin, where a weeks-long, secret rave festival takes place in the gloomy Lost Places. In *Where Spring Hides* we accompany Leni and Edward in a VW van to various spring festivals in Germany. The popular **one-bed trope** and **forced proximity** lead to sparks between the two of them. But they're each carrying baggage, and it's not certain whether their love will have a second chance.

New adult romance combining festival atmosphere with deep feelings



Where Winter Falls
11/2023



Where Spring Hides
05/2024



Ivy Leagh
Where Summer Stays
464 pages, 136 x 215 mm
Age: 16+
ISBN 978-3-551-58505-9
05/2023

- 3 volumes of sizzling romance with changing settings and protagonists
- 20,000 copies of vol. 1 sold within 2 months
- Vol. 2 to be published in autumn 2023, vol. 3 in spring 2024

During her internship for a classical music radio station, Charlie is sent to the biggest rock festival in the country. She's totally overwhelmed by the crowds and the noise. But then she meets Levy, who captivates her with his eyeliner and numerous tattoos.

And he even manages to give her confidence and a feeling of security. But upon returning to everyday life, Charlie realizes that she and Levy are worlds apart. He turns away from her, unaware that he has unleashed a storm of emotions in her...

Sizzling, emotional, atmospheric: best-selling Ivy Leagh ignites a firework of feelings with the start of the romantic festival series.

Trope: FRIENDS TO LOVERS

- Deep emotions that get under the reader's skin
- Complete in 2 volumes; volume 2 appears in January '24

**SHE FALLS
FIRST, BUT HE
FALLS HARDER**



Lexis Able
Where Light Breaks in the Water (West Coast Skies vol.1)

400 pages • 13,6 × 21,5 cm

Age: 16+

ISBN 978-3-551-58532-5

08/2023

Slow-burn romance set in San Diego

Having just come of age, Enya is drawn to the Californian coast, where she searches not only for freedom and independence, but also for her mother. There she meets strong yet sensitive Jonah, to whom she feels irresistibly drawn. But Jonah suffers from the fact that he nearly lost his hearing after an accident. The two begin an emotionally grueling game vacillating between nearness and distance.

Friends to lovers: a super-romantic story that will immediately win over readers' hearts.



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Lexis Able, b. 1986, lives with her husband, three children, and several four-legged animals in Austria. When she doesn't happen to be thinking up stories or writing them down, she works as a special-needs kindergarten teacher.



Where Wind and Waves Touch (West Coast Skies vol.2)

448 pages • 13,6 × 21,5 cm

Age: 16+

ISBN 978-3-551-58533-2

Trope: DARK ACADEMIA

- Mega-trendy theme: dark academia
- Elegant, atmospheric setting in Prague
- Volume 2 appears in March '24, volume 3 in October '24

FRIENDS-TO-LOVERS

AGE
16+

Start of a mystical-magical NA romantasy trilogy

Prague's Univerzita Mystika e Magie and Academia Sinistra have been rivals forever. But when two four-person teams, one from each academy, must work together to break a curse, two pairs of destinies become forever linked. But what if the hostility between darkness and light can never be overcome?

Powerful images, atmospheric: for fans of the dark academia trend!



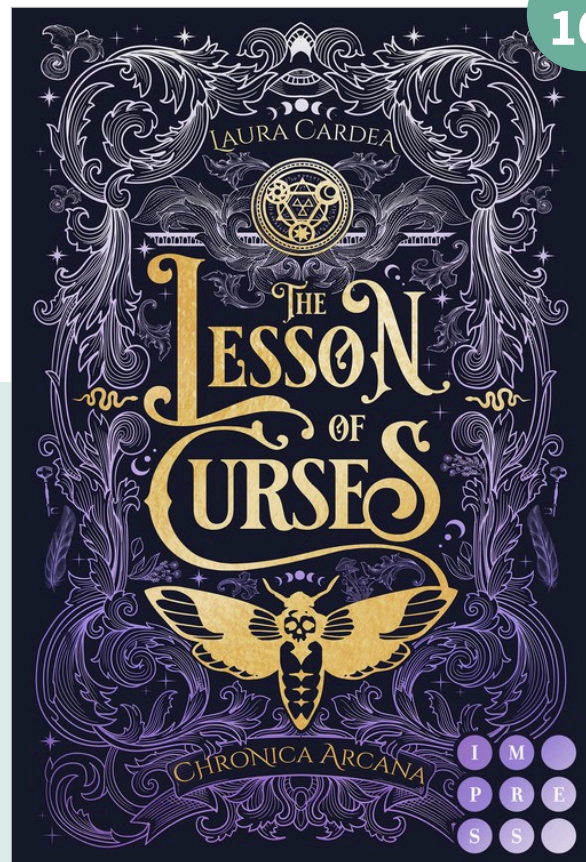
In order to prevent herself from daydreaming, **Laura Cardea** started to read as many books as possible, discovering one fictitious world after the other. Now she successfully creates her own fictitious world, some of them have already been translated.



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Laura Cardea
The Lesson of Curses (Chronica Arcana vol. 1)
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ISBN 978-3-646-60909-7
09/2023



RABIA DOĞAN

(b. 1998) has been writing ever since she realized that she's got a lot to talk about. That rarely happens without a coffee or a matcha latte on the table and her tomcat by her side.

Which keywords come to mind in reference to *Staying Was the Hardest Part*?

Hope, tenderness, acceptance, unconditional understanding, settling in

Evren and Talhah's story deals with many important subjects, e.g., fleeing your homeland and the associated trauma – subjects that, unfortunately, still do not have enough visibility and acceptance in our society. Which aspects did you find the most challenging while you were writing this book?

Evren's muteness, definitely. It forced me to write more imaginatively, because even though she didn't speak, she communicated with Talhah. In the end, that strengthened their bond and made it something special. Telling the story of how Talhah fled Syria was also a challenge, for which I had to do a lot of research and fact-checking. Writing his chapters was so emotional for me that I was sometimes fighting back tears.

What can readers look forward to in *Trusting Was the Hardest Part* and *Leaving Was the Hardest Part*?

As in Volume 1, the books combine classic tropes like **forbidden love**, **forced proximity**, and **haters-to-lovers** with current subjects and relatable characters.



Trusting Was the Hardest Part
02/2024



Leaving Was the Hardest Part
08/2024

Intensive slow-burn romance about deep feelings



Rabia Doğan
Staying Was the Hardest Part
384 pages, 136 x 215 mm
Age: 16+
ISBN 978-3-551-58534-9
09/2023

- **Deeply moving start of a trilogy**
- **Volumes 2 & 3 to be published in the Spring and Autumn of 2024**
- **Profound own-voice novel on the themes of flight and self-discovery**

When her brother disappeared five years ago, Evren fell silent – the doctors’ diagnosis is mutism. Not only has the silence quelled her desire to study medicine, but it has also severed her connection to others around her. Talhah, whose path crosses hers much too often, is not put off by Evren’s walls. Despite his own history of escape from war and loss that should have robbed him of any sense of stability, Talhah is still the first solid ground that Evren has felt under her feet.

In every respect, an intense novel that gets under your skin with its emotional depiction of important topics.

Fantasy tale crackling with excitement

- Magical urban fantasy about a powerful queen of witches who never wanted to become one
- Over 50,000 copies sold of volumes 1 and 2
- Volume 3 is planned for Summer '24

**STUCK
TOGETHER /
ENEMIES-TO-
LOVERS**



AGE
16+

After a long day working in her aunt's bar the witch Enju wants only one thing: to go home and fall into bed. But because **a passage in the magical walkway shifts unexpectedly**, she ends up in a part of the city where she'd otherwise never set foot. For quite some time now, the magic in Lapislazuli has been off-kilter. But right in front of the Necromancers Club it feels especially strange. Something unspeakably brutal must have happened here, for which Enju is suddenly blamed. **To prove her innocence, she has to team up with the attractive leader of the beasts**, who, she must admit, exerts a strong pull on her. But the more time she spends with him, the closer he gets to the secret of the true queen of witches...

Sample translation available.



© Jasmin Bachmann

After a voluntary ecological year, **Verena Bachmann** completed an apprenticeship as an industrial clerk and now works for a fashion accessories company. Reading alone was no longer enough at some point and so she decided to put her own thoughts on paper as well.

Verena Bachmann

The Witch Queen. Magic Unleashed (vol. 1)

368 pages • 13,6 × 21,5 cm

Age: 16+

ISBN 978-3-551-58463-2

07/2021



Rise of the Witch Queen. Stolen Magic (vol. 2)

ca. 356 pages

Age: 16+

ISBN 978-3-646-60788-8

A romantic fantasy guaranteed to make hearts beat faster

- Unique romantasy figure: a gladiatrix (female gladiator) as heroine
- The author has already sold 70,000 e-books of the book in the Carlsen imprint "Impress"

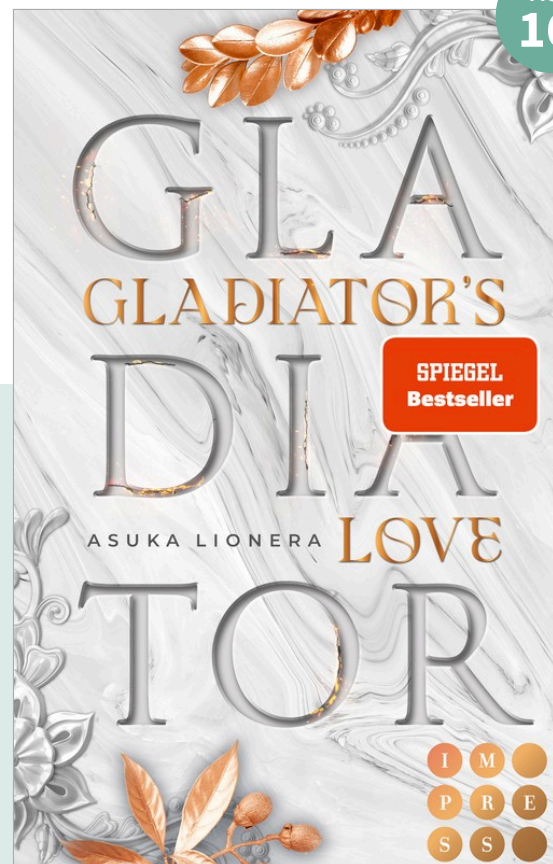
FRENEMIES /
LOVE AT FIRST
SIGHT

AGE
16+

Aeryn, a gladiatrix, must fight for her life every day in the arena. She is an enslaved Vantyr whose fire magic has been sealed and therefore has no other choice. But her irrepressible yearning for freedom leads her to devise a dangerous plan. If only it weren't for Cato, the bodyguard of an arena operator, who suddenly sets her heart aflutter.

This **fantasy romance novel about a slave who fights for love and freedom** has all the ingredients needed to make a real reading highlight: a complex world, one-of-a-kind characters, and plenty of passion!

As a teenager, **Asuka Lionera** not only began to write fan fiction for her favorite series, she also developed small role-playing games for PCs. After a few detours, she turned her passion into her profession and is now a successful author.



Asuka Lionera
Gladiator's Love – Marked by Fire
450 pages
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03/2022

Royal demon fantasy

Story complete in 2 volumes

Dana Müller-Braun has already sold over 150,000 books with Carlsen

HIDDEN
IDENTITY /
FORBIDDEN
LOVE



AGE
16+

Dana Müller-Braun
Fallen Kingdom: Stolen Inheritance (vol. 1)
 ca. 384 pages
 Age: 16+
 ISBN 978-3-646-60912-7
 04/2023

8 realms, 7 deadly sins and only 1 truth

The princes of the seven deadly sins rule over Jaraskai. Only the Realm of Truth is able to keep their power in check. When it is attacked, Navien poses as a princess. Because, as a Heroe of demonic blood, she must sacrifice her life for her younger sister, the successor to the throne. Navien doesn't know which of the princes planned the coup, but one in particular is on her mind: the haughty Liran makes her heart involuntarily skip a beat and seems to know her true identity...

Romantic demon fantasy with a stunning plot twist: *Fallen Kingdom* is a true highlight of fantasy fiction – exciting, romantic, dark.



Dana Müller-Braun has always been making up stories – at the age of 14 she began writing them down. As writing became more and more of a passion, she began to study German, history, and philosophy at university. When she's not writing she builds furniture out of old beams, plays guitar, or spends time with friends and her dog.



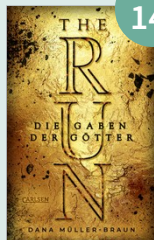
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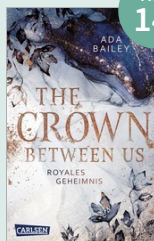


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