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Czech: New Fiction

- Bažant, J.** Faustovy děti, 2008, Pistorius&Olšanská, hardback, 9788087053263, **£13.95**
In this mysterious and magical novel taking place in the Prague of the near future, the author pays homage to well-known literary works such as "Faust", "Master and Margarita" and Meyrink's "Golem".
- Blasko, B.** Národní kámen, 2009, Balt-East, 9788087283035, **£7.95**
A collection of lively and diverse short stories.
- Boučková, T.** Rok kohouta, 2008, Odeon, hardback, 9788020712639, **£14.95**
A partially autobiographical confession of a middle-aged woman whose life and everything she holds precious falls apart and her search for the strength to put it all back together.
- Gregorová, B.** Kámen-hora-papír, 2008, Labyrint, 9788085935899, **£10.95**
The debut novel of a young translator and traveller, this highly contemporary story will take the readers on an exciting journey - from an unnamed Central Asian country to the depths of the intimate feelings of the heroes...
- Hakl, E.** Let čarodějnice, 2008, Argo, hardback, 9788072039975, **£15.95**
The ordinary life of a broadsheet editor changes dramatically when he buys a knife that is found a couple of hours later in the body of a supermarket guard. And this event, perhaps unsurprisingly, eventually turns his life upside down...
- Hůlová, P.** Stanice Tajga, 2008, Torst, 9788072153367, **£14.95**
A new adventurous novel by one of the most popular contemporary authors.
- Konečný, J.** Moravská rapsodie, 2008, Labyrint, hardback, 9788085935684, **£12.95**
A coming of age tale of a young book lover stranded in the harsh environment of a 1980s Czechoslovak industrial town.
- Mailinda, J.** Ilegální vztahy, 2008, Labyrint, 9788085935905, **£10.95**
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- Němec, M.** Vana s výhledem, 2008, XYZ, hardback, 9788073880620, **£14.95**
Original humour, creative plots, surprises, breathtaking descriptions - that is a collection of short stories by a promising contemporary author.

- Nosková, V.** Ve stínu mastodonty, 2008, Věra Nosková, 9788090332058, **£7.95**
A collection of fresh and funny short stories taking place from the 1960s to the turbulent year of 1989.
- Parkánová-Whitton, H.** Jak se dostat z Anglie do Zywce a zase zpátky, 2008, Albatros, hardback, 9788000021737, **£15.95**
New adventures of a Czech lady living with her English husband in the Cotswolds, this time including various interesting business trips across Europe.
- Tingel, R.** Korsický lev a francouzská holubice, 2008, ComputerMedia, 9788074020063, **£14.95**
A gripping historical novel taking place on Corsica and in France in the turbulent times of the late 18th century - at the dawn of the French Revolution...

Czech: Translations

- Hosseini, K.** Tisíce planoucích sluncí, 2008, Leda/Rozmluvy, hardback, 9788073351601, **£13.95**
Translation of "A thousand splendid suns".
- Lethem, J.** Siroťci z Brooklynu, 2008, Štrob, Širc & Slovák, hardback, 9788090394735, **£15.95**
Translation of "Motherless Brooklyn".
- McCall Smith, A.** První dámská detektivní kancelář, 2009, Argo, hardback, 9788025701096, **£13.95**
Translation of "The No.1 ladies' detective agency".
- Meyer, S.** Stmívání, 2008, Egmont, 9788025208984, **£16.95**
Translation of "Twilight".
- Murakami, H.** Konec světa & Hard-boiled Wonderland, 2008, Odeon, hardback, 9788020712875, **£16.95**
English title: "Hard-boiled Wonderland and the end of the world".
- Palahniuk, C.** Zalknutí, 2009, Odeon, hardback, 9788020712905, **£14.95**
Translation of "Choke".
- Pessl, M.** Vybrané okruhy z mechaniky pohrom, 2008, Argo, hardback, 9788025700648, **£19.95**
Translation of "Special topics in calamity physics".
- Reichs, K.** Kosti na popel, 2008, BB art, hardback, 9788073814472, **£14.95**
Translation of "Bones to ashes".

Swarup, V. Milionář z chatrče, 2009, Ikar, hardback, 9788024912257, **£12.95**
Translation of "Q & A".

Czech: Children's Books

Čapek, K. & J. Devatero pohádek, 2008, Albatros, hardback, 9788000021799, **£11.95**
One of the best known and loved fairytale collections written in Czech by the world-renowned author Karel Čapek and illustrated by his brother.

Deary, T. Otrěsné dějiny světa, 2006, Egmont, hardback, 9788025203279, **£13.95**
Translation of "Horrible histories" The Wicked history of the world".

Lada, J. Moje abeceda, 2008, Albatros, hardback, 9788000021645, **£6.95**
An ABC book with pictures and nursery rhymes for each letter.

Vokurková, A. O Čertíčkoví, 2007, Meander, hardback, 9788086283593, **£10.95**
Modern fairytale about a small devil born to Angelica. It causes a big stir in the Heaven Borough and there are lots of adventures in store for Devil and his angelic friends... An educational fairytale teaching kids tolerance towards others.

Žáček, J. Pohádkový tobogán, 2007, Albatros, hardback, 9788000019345, **£11.95**
A highly illustrated collection of twenty fairytales retold by a popular contemporary author.

French: New Fiction

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Adam, O. Des vents contraires, 2009, Editions de l'Olivier, pp.254, 9782879296463, **£27.40**
After his wife, Sarah, disappears without trace, Paul is left alone with his two children. In an attempt to cope with the loss, still as acute a year after her departure, he moves away from Paris. The latest novel from this popular author.

Aggoune, H. Rêve 78, 2009, Gallimard, pp.63, 9782070787548, **£14.10**
Our narrator contemplates a snapshot taken of him as a child with his mother in the summer of 1978. Separated due to her enforced exile in Algeria, he considers their relationship, his authoritarian father and becoming a father himself.

Arnothy, C. Une valse à Vienne, 2009, Fayard, pp.257, 9782213642963, **£25.95**
The men and women in this book all share a taste for revenge. They disguise their treachery and deception with airs and graces but revel in making others dance for them. But can they all still appreciate a Viennese waltz?.

Assouline, P. Les invités, 2009, Gallimard, pp.205, 9782070784257, **£22.45**
A guest at an upper class Parisian dinner party drops out at the last minute, meaning there are to be thirteen people around the table. Superstition calls for a fourteenth guest to be invited, a maid of Maghreb descent, with unexpected consequences.

Audeguy, S. Nous autres, 2009, Gallimard, pp.252, 9782070123186, **£21.95**
After learning of the death of a father he never knew, a son travels to Kenya where he discovers he will not be allowed to fulfil his father's last will: to be buried in Kenya. He embarks on a journey to find answers.

Azoulai, N. Une ardeur insensée, 2009, Flammarion, pp.386, 9782081217669, **£27.40**
Odile begins taking drama classes and thus embarks on a journey of self-discovery, realising bit by bit the false nature of the relationships in her life.

Bacqué, F. Celle qui détricotait la vie, 2009, Actes Sud, pp.294, 9782742781133, **£25.95**
After the brutal murder of her best friend, Florence begins to untwine the "knitting" of her life with the aid of a faith healer. A mature third novel from Bacqué dealing with the self-contemplation of a forty something woman.

Baillon, A. Un homme si simple, 2009, Cambourakis, pp.346, 2009, 9782916589367, **£22.75**
Baillon was a café-owner, journalist, and hen salesman...but everywhere he failed. A simple man? A novel on madness, and the first signs of mental illness.

Bassignac, S. A la recherche d'Alice, 2009, Denoël, pp.196, 9782207260715, **£21.90**
Inspector Picasso is trying to find out what drove Alice Conque to tie up a famous photojournalist in her bathtub. Alice, a temperamental blonde fascinated by sculpture, shows him anonymous letters and, troubled, he decides to get more involved.

Begag, A. Dites-moi bonjour, 2009, Fayard, pp.172, 9782213637174, **£21.15**
The new novel from the author of the best-selling "Le Gone du Chaaba". A philosophical tale where the narrator meets his guiding light and forges his path through life, meeting those who help and those who hinder him on his way.

Bégaudeau, F. Vers la douceur, 2009, Verticales, pp.202, 9782070123018, **£23.15**
A portrait of a generation shown through Jules, a single thirty something journalist. A witty and sensitive novel from the author (and star) of "Entre les murs".

- Ben Jelloun, T.** Au pays, 2009, Gallimard, pp.188, 9782070119417, **£23.15**
A retired immigrant worker relives his years spent in France and decides to return to his native village and build a big house for his family. Somewhere between realism and fantasy, the book is evocative of the experience of being uprooted.
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The brother and former lover of Hugo Brenner meet five years after his suicide to finally discuss what for so long they have not been able to say to anyone. The new novel from the author of "Et toujours en été".
- Berton, B.** Alain Delon est une star au Japon, 2009, Hachette, pp.280, 9782012378223, **£23.15**
Finely nuanced portrait of a French actor, proving both the talent of the narrator and the quirky humour of the author — and also that fiction alone can reveal the man behind the myth.
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In 1950s America two young boys vow their friendship unbreakable. But events of the following decade, the wars in Korea and Vietnam, the assassination of Kennedy and the persecution of black Americans tear them apart.
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Set in a quiet hamlet before the First World War, the younger generation bring dramatic change to the villagers' lives.
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14-year-old Pauline lives in Pantin; neglected by her mother and left to her own devices, she prefers hanging around on the street to going to school. Then one of her teachers decides to step in.
- Bourdouxhe, M.** A la recherche de Marie, 2009, Actes Sud, pp.157, 9782742782260, **£18.80**
Marie has been married to Jean for six years, and almost without her noticing, routine has replaced happiness and love. She is no longer a woman in her husband's eyes; but is willing to discover herself for a young man who gives her his phone number.
- Buri, N.** Pierre de Scandale: Le roman de Calvin, 2009, Actes Sud, pp.302, 9782742782963, **£31.25**
Debut novel. The story of Jean Calvin who arrives in 16th century Geneva, the town called the dirtiest and the bawdiest in Europe. A historical basis with the composition of a novel; the author seamlessly blends fiction and reality.
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After having experienced first hand a tsunami in Sri Lanka, the author recounts the story of a man and woman, both cancer survivors, who are battling against extreme poverty.
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In a Paris garret, the narrator attempts to come to terms with rejection by his socialite girlfriend and the decline of his intellectually brilliant mother through Alzheimer's disease.
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In Perth, Australia, gay cop Ange Cattrioni and his acolyte Ashe are led into the strongly codified world of cricket....
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The prize-winning author's stunning prose weaves this tale of gritty realism and pure romanticism. Four people, all marginalized in different ways by society, break their silence and tell their stories.
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Our narrator is on the run from the centre where he was being held as a carrier of a strange neurological virus connecting his brain to the space station Mir and to his guardian angel, a jazz musician. A novel combining sci-fi and the metaphysical.
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Paul Jarvis is a successful writer who has never been lacking in inspiration — until his wife leaves him. Then, on the ninth day of his writer's block, a perfect idea for a screenplay mysteriously appears on his desk.
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Our narrator, not knowing whether he is dead or alive, encumbered by a body no longer any use to him, speaks to us from a kind of afterlife, in strange solitude.
- Desarthe, A.** Le remplaçant, 2009, Eds de l'Olivier, pp.86, 9782879296449, **£15.65**
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A Parisian thirty something abandons himself to a life of reclusion, until a mysterious Eastern woman appears, who shows him true happiness. However, she disappears as suddenly as she appeared.
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- Legardinier, G.** L'exil des anges, 2009, Fleuve Noir, pp.358, 9782265087347, **£25.90**
A group of scientists have finally understood the workings of human memory. If their discovery falls into the wrong hands however, it could be disastrous and they must do all they can to keep it secret.
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Two parallel universes in opposition; the bored inhabitants of one flock to the other at the weekend in search of cheap thrills and highs. A depiction of a modern dystopia.
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One room links three people together; juxtaposed with Hopper's tableaux and echoes of Hemingway's Africa, a love story unfolds which blurs the lines of dreams and reality. Debut novel from Jean-Clet Martin.
- Le Men, Y.** Si tu me quittes, je m'en vais, 2009, Flammarion, pp.115, 9782081204911, **£17.55**
A 25-year-old poet falls madly in love with a film star...who isn't really a film star. An improbable, poetic and intense love story.
- Merle, O.** L'avvers et le revers, 2009, Fallois, pp.360, 9782877066808, **£28.15**
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Historical saga set around the year 1060 with the Norman Knights in Sicily.
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After the death of Raoul Dutheil, the fragile harmony of his cosmopolitan group of friends is shattered. A novel of decadence and humour.

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Van Cauwelaert, D. *Le père adopté*, 2009, Livre de Poche, pp.247, 9782253127666, **£9.80**
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Winner of the Prix des Librairies 2008 and shortlisted for the Prix des Lecteurs 2009. A young intellectual savant meets a homeless girl hardly older than herself and brings her home to rescue her.

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Chattam, M. *Predateurs*, 2009, Pocket, pp.570, 2007, 9782266188784, **£10.80**
Lieutenant Frewin and his team of military police are accompanied by nurse Ann Dawson in investigating a series of brutal murders of young soldiers.

Daeninckx, D. *La Mort en dédicace*, 2008, Gallimard, pp.133, 9782070348701, **£5.95**
Two new novellas from the author of the Inspector Cadin tales. In the first, the drowning of an old Breton man is not what it seems; in the second, the author's dedication in a book has a deadly effect on those who read it.

DOA. *Le serpent aux mille coupures*, 2009, Gallimard, pp.216, 9782070124725, **£21.80**
A mysterious biker on the run loses consciousness and wakes up from his coma in the midst of Columbian traffickers and Neapolitan gangsters. He kills them and seeks refuge in the countryside but the boss of the Columbian cartel comes after him....

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In Flaubert's famous novel, Emma Bovary takes arsenic to end her own life. However, after bruises are discovered on her body, Rouen detectives decide to investigate. Characters from the original novel are interrogated on suspicion of her murder.

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Captain Piracci's job is to intercept boats carrying illegal immigrants between Sicily and Lampedusa. These passengers often risk their lives on this journey, and an encounter with one survivor changes Piracci's perspective.

Gerritsen, T. *Mauvais sang*, 2009, Pocket, pp.502, 9782266171229, **£11.20**
Translation of "Bloodstream".

- Giesbert, F.** *Le Lessiveur*, 2009, Flammarion, pp.296, 2009, 9782081226616, **£23.80**
A crime thriller chasing a murderer know as the "Lessiveur" who kills dirty people, then cleans their houses without leaving a trace behind him.
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Translation of "The innocent man".
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Translation of "I Heard That Song Before".
- Lemaitre, P.** *Robe de marié*, 2009, Calmann-Lévy, pp.276, 9782702139752, **£24.60**
Sophie thinks she is going mad: she loses everything and can't remember what's happened. After the death of her step-mother and her husband's subsequent suicide, she remarries to escape accusations of murder....
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Translation of "The Interpretation of murder".
- Scalese, L.** *Des pas sous la cendre*, 2009, Pygmalion, pp.312, 2009, 9782756402710, **£23.80**
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Convinced of the innocence of a friend who has been accused of a brutal murder, Ingrid Diesel campaigns to clear his name. The new novel from the author of numerous crime fiction books, including the prize-winning "Passage du Désir".
- . *La nuit de Geronimo*, 2009, Viviane Hamy, pp.355, 9782878582918, **£23.30**
Private detective Louise Morvan is employed by a coroner who has received strange emails about the death of her father, who ostensibly killed himself 24 years earlier.
- Trigell, J.** *Jeux d'enfants*, 2009, Gallimard, pp.363, 9782070379651, **£8.70**
French translation of "Boy A", also made into a recent film.

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- Vargas, F.** *Dans les Bois Éternels*, 2009, J'ai Lu, pp.478, 2009, 9782290017739, **£10.15**
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- Walters, M.** *L'ombre du caméléon*, 2009, Pocket, pp.500, 9782266189446, **£10.90**
French translation of Walters's latest book "The Chameleon's Shadow".
- Zemmour, E.** *Petit frère*, 2009, J'ai Lu, pp.286, 9782290014301, **£8.90**
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French: Translations

- Banville, J.** La mer, 2009, 10/18, pp.247, 2005, 9782264046888, **£10.65**
Translation of "The Sea".
- Brown, D.** Forteresse Digitale, 2009, Livre de Poche, pp.503, 9782253127079, **£12.85**
Translation of "Digital fortress".
- Campbell, A.** Tout est dans la tête, 2009, Albin Michel, pp.362, 9782226190963, **£25.75**
French translation of "All in the mind".
- Coelho, P.** Le pèlerin de Compostelle, 2009, J'ai Lu, pp.243, 9782290016596, **£7.80**
English title: "The Diary of a magus".
- Cole, M.** Deux femmes, 2009, Livre de Poche, pp.727, 9782253124252, **£10.95**
Translation of "Two women".
- Cornwell, P.** Registre des morts, 2009, Livre de Poche, pp.535, 9782253119081, **£12.95**
French translation of "Book of the dead".
- Desai, K.** La perte en héritage, 2009, Livre de Poche, pp.504, 9782253125532, **£10.55**
Translation of "The Inheritance of loss".
- Esquivel, L.** Chocolat amer, 2009, Gallimard, pp.247, 9782070379477, **£9.70**
English title: "Like water for chocolate".
- Frazier, C.** Treize Lunes (Points), 2009, Seuil, pp.539, 2009, 9782757813027, **£11.20**
Translation of "Thirteen moons".
- Grogan, J.** Marley et moi, 2009, Livre de Poche, pp.381, 9782253125686, **£11.10**
French translation of "Marley and me".
- Higgins Clark, C.** For ever, 2009, Livre de Poche, pp.344, 9782253127093, **£11.90**
French translation of "Hitched".
- Hosseini, K.** Mille soleils splendides, 2009, Belfond, pp.411, 9782264049063, **£12.75**
Translation of "A thousand splendid suns".
- Keyes, M.** Réponds, si tu m'entends, 2009, Pocket, pp.525, 9782266184861, **£10.20**
French translation of "Anybody out there?".
- King, S.** Salem, 2009, Livre de Poche, pp.827, 9782253124993, **£13.70**
Translation of "Salem's lot".
- Márai, S.** Libération, 2009, Livre de Poche, pp.185, 9782253126492, **£9.40**
Translated from Hungarian. Elisabeth takes refuge in the cellars during the siege of Budapest in 1945, along with hundreds of others. However, as the atmosphere becomes tenser, they begin to fear their liberators as well as their persecutors.
- Palahniuk, C.** Choke, 2009, Gallimard, pp.383, 9782070305520, **£11.30**
Translated from the English.

- Picoult, J.** La pure vérité, 2009, J'ai Lu, pp.507, 9782290013519, **£12.90**
French translation of "Plain truth".
- Roche, C.** Zones humides, 2009, Anabet, pp.226, 9785395003522, **£5.95**
French translation of the German novelist Charlotte Roche's controversial debut novel. English title: "Wetlands".
- Schenkel, A. M.** La ferme du crime, 2009, Babel, pp.157, 9782742782130, **£9.95**
Translated from the German. English title: "The murder farm".
- Smith, Z.** De la beauté, 2009, Gallimard, pp.591, 9782070379569, **£12.80**
French translation of "On beauty".
- Swarup, V.** Les fabuleuses aventures d'un Indien malchanceux qui devint milliardaire, 2009, 10/18, pp.363, 9782264045331, **£12.85**
French translation of "Slumdog millionaire", the book on which the Oscar winning film was based.
- Tolkien, J.R.R.** Les enfants de Húrin, 2009, Pocket, pp.232, 2009, 9782266178518, **£9.30**
Translation of "The Children of Húrin".

German: New Fiction

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- Bottini, O.** Jäger in der Nacht, 2009, Scherz, pp.335, 3502110182, **£20.95**
They don't seem to have anything in common, the spoilt student, the troubled teenager and the respectable family man, apart from having been brutally murdered for no apparent reason. A new case for Louise Boni.
- Deckert, R., ed.** Die Nacht in der die Mauer fiel: Schriftsteller erzählen vom 9. November 1989, 2009, Suhrkamp, 9783518460733, **£15.95**
Stories from the night the Berlin Wall fell.
- Drvenkar, Z.** Sorry, 2009, Ullstein, hardback, 3550087721, **£26.95**
Four friends set up an agency which offers apologies on behalf of other people, confronted with a client who seeks atonement for a cruel murder they find themselves in a circle of violence and danger. Psychological thriller.
- Fischer, L.** Krupp: eine deutsche Familie, 2009, Ullstein, pp.270, 3548280528, **£13.95**
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- Fleischhauer, W.** Der gestohlene Abend, 2008, Piper, pp.360, hardback, 9783492048477, **£24.95**
Matthias wins a scholarship to the prestigious American university Hillcrest and gains access to the university's elitist literary circle, but some of the teachings have a sinister background.
- Förg, N.** Tod auf der Piste, 2009, Piper, pp.235, 349225389X, **£10.50**
Two female detectives, stout Irmi and chronically stressed single mother Kathi, investigate the murder of a skier in the Alpine resort of Garmisch.
- Freese, L.** Im verbotenen Zimmer, 2009, Carl Stephenson, pp.450, 3798602816, **£12.95**
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- Fröhlich, S.** Frisch gepresst, 2008, Ullstein, pp.220, 9783548269702, **£10.95**
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- Gantenberg, M.** Neuerscheinung, 2009, Scherz, pp.285, 9783502110576, **£19.95**
Bored small-town reporter Litten lands a bestseller by publishing a serial "biography" of Jesus" immortal twin sister Hannah, who is now living in Cologne and on the look out for love.
- Greifeneder, A.** Fremd Flirten, 2009, Bastei Lübbe, pp.350, 9783404162819, **£9.95**
Psychotherapist Stella escapes to London, lands a job as a nanny and falls for a real English Lord.

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- Heldt, D.** Tante Inge haut ab, 2009, DTV, pp.340, 9783423247238, **£15.95**
With her newly found zest for life, elderly aunt Inge storms into Christine's orderly life like a hurricane.
- Hermann, J.** Alice, 2009, Fischer, hardback, 3100331826, **£22.50**
Five new stories by the author of "Sommerhaus, später".
- Hertz, A.** Trostpflaster, 2008, Knauer, pp.470, 9783426638699, **£13.50**
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- Kempff, M.** Einkehr zum tödlichen Frieden, 2009, Piper, pp.285, 3492052584, **£16.95**
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- Klausner, U.** Walhalla-Code, 2009, Gmeiner, pp.322, 3899778081, **£13.95**
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- Kornbichler, S.** Der gestohlene Engel., 2009, Knauer, pp.330, 3426636433, **£11.95**
A mother who has been diagnosed with cancer searches for the real father of her young daughter. Her only clue is a little golden pendant of an angel.

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- Lark, S.** Der Ruf des Kiwis, 2009, Bastei Lübbe, pp.830, 3404162617, **£13.95**
This historic novel, written under the pseudonym of Sarah Lark by a famous German author and set in New Zealand at the beginning of the last century, became an instant bestseller in Germany.
- Lebert, B.** Flug der Pelikane, 2009, Kiepenheuer & Witsch, pp.185, hardback, 9783462040951, **£19.95**
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- Lind, H.** Die Champagnerdiät, 2009, Heyne, pp.350, 3453722175, **£9.95**
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Morgowski, M. Kein Sex ist auch keine Lösung, 2009, Rowohlt, pp.320, 9783499248382, **£13.95**

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Nygaard, H. Der Tote vom Kliff, 2009, Emons, pp.270, 3897056232, **£14.95**

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Rothmann, R. Feuer brennt nicht, 2009, Suhrkamp, pp.300, hardback, 9783518420638, **£24.50**

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Thies, H. Schweinetango, 2009, Klampen, pp.225, hardback, 3866740441, **£17.95**

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Völler, E. Wenn Mädchen die Sonne sind, sind Jungs das Eis., 2009, Arena, pp.310, 9783401063577, **£15.50**

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German: Reprints

Jokl, A. Die Perlmutterfarbe, 2008, Suhrkamp, pp.280, 9783518460399, **£12.95**

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Özdogan, S. Es ist so einsam im Sattel seit das Pferd tot ist, 2009, Aufbau, pp.160, **£10.95**
Rollercoaster of love, freedom and the feeling of being invincible.

Zeh, J. Adler und Engel, 2009, BTB, pp.570, hardback, 3442739675, **£12.95**
Reprint of Julia Zeh's acclaimed crime thriller of love and drugs.

German: Translations

Baldacci, D. Im Takt des Todes, 2009, Bastei Lübbe, pp.540, 9783404159680, **£12.95**
Translation of "Simple genius".

Barbery, M. Die Eleganz des Igel, 2009, DTV, pp.365, 3423246588, **£19.50**
English title "The Elegance of the hedgehog".

Binchy, M. Strasse in Glück, 2009, Knaur, pp.460, 9783426636978, **£11.95**
Translation of "Whitehorn Woods".

Cabre, J. Die Stimmen des Flusses, 2008, Suhrkamp, pp.670, 3518460498, **£13.95**
Translation of "Les veus del Pamano".

Hornby, N. Slam, 2009, Knaur, pp.360, 9783426504048, **£12.95**

Kinsella, S. Shopaholic: die Schnäppchenjägerin, Goldmann, pp.410, 9783442470433, **£7.95**
Translation of "The Secret dreamworld of a shopaholic".

Larsson, S. Vergebung, 2009, Heyne, pp.860, 3453434064, **£13.95**
English title "The girl who kicked the hornets' nest".

Le Clezio, J.M.G. Wüste, 2008, Kiepenheuer & Witsch, pp.420, 3462041215, **£12.50**
Translation of "Desert".

Mankell, H. Das Auge des Leoparden, DTV, pp.530, 9783423252904, **£14.95**
English title: "The Eye of the leopard".

Meyer, S. Bis (Biss) zur Mittagsstunde, 2009, Carlsen, pp.580, 9783551357823, **£14.95**
Translation of "Twilight" Part 2.

Meyer, Stephanie. Bis (Biss) zum Abendrot, 2008, Carlsen, pp.640, hardback, 9783551581662, **£25.95**
Translation of "Twilight" Part 3.

——. Bis (Biss) zum Ende der Nacht, 2009, Carlsen, pp.790, hardback, 3551581991, **£29.95**
Translation of "Twilight" Part 4.

Slaughter, K. Unverstanden, 2009, Blanvalet, pp.175, 344237281X, **£8.95**
Translation of "Martin Misunderstood".

Italian: New Fiction

- Abate, C.** Il mosaico del tempo grande, 2007, Mondadori, pp.233, 9788804563884, **£12.95**
A thrilling story set in the south of Italy during a hot Mediterranean summer.
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A family saga set in a modern and changing Sicily.
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A collection of 27 short stories set in Cagliari, Sardinia.
- Battaglia, R.** Incanto, 2009, Rizzoli, pp.139, hardback, 9788817019934, **£22.95**
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Set in post-war Naples, this is the story of a relationship between a wise old man and a young boy.
- Fallaci, O.** Gli antipatici, 2009, Rizzoli, pp.364, hardback, 9788817028349, **£14.95**
Published for the first time in 1963, this is a series of interviews with famous actresses, writers, film directors and football players of that time.
- . Il sesso inutile: viaggio intorno alla donna, 2009, Rizzoli, pp.205, hardback, 9788817028356, **£14.95**
Unpublished for 48 years, this is a survey on the condition of women around the world.
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- La Capria, R.** Fiori giapponesi: cinquantacinque pezzi facili, 2009, Rizzoli, pp.146, 9788817028530, **£12.90**
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- Lucarelli, C.** Il commissario De Luca, 2008, Sellerio, pp.312, hardback, 9788838922978, **£25.30**
Three different investigations for detective Commissario De Luca.
- Mazzucco, M. G.** La lunga attesa dell'angelo, 2008, Rizzoli, pp.417, hardback, 9788817025850, **£31.95**
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