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**BOOKSAGE specializes in representing both nonfiction and fiction authors, curating a portfolio of authors who have powerful stories to share.**

**Our distinctive approach involves focusing on quality over quantity. Rather than managing a truckload of titles, we prioritize a select group of authors—personalities who have already achieved bestseller status in their home countries. At BOOKSAGE, we pride ourselves on our collaborations with global bestselling and award-winning authors and are committed to bringing new and exciting voices to international markets.**

**To stay connected with industry trends, we actively participate in book fairs such as those in Frankfurt, London, Beijing, and Bologna each year. These events allow us to strengthen existing connections and cultivate new ones, ensuring we remain at the forefront of the literary landscape.**



# Nice to meet you!

Cécile Oomen - “Being a literary agent has defined me for almost 25 years. Born and raised in Maastricht, my love for books traces back to my childhood, where I eagerly saved pocket money to indulge in a new book from the local bookstore each month. My connection with literature is not just professional but deeply personal.

My global adventures have instilled in me a profound appreciation for diverse cultures, and wherever I go, I make it a point to explore the local bookstores. This lifelong love for books led me to establish The Rights Company in 2000 upon my return to Maastricht after a stint in Cologne, Germany.

Over the years, the initial agency has evolved into an international agency based in Portugal. The name “BOOKSAGE” was meticulously chosen to reflect the culmination of nearly 25 years of experience in the literary industry—conveying wisdom, knowledge, expertise, and trustworthiness.

Today, BOOKSAGE collaborates with authors, publishers, and agencies across more than 30 territories. I consider myself blessed to have a job that allows me to engage with the rich tapestry of voices shaping our literary landscape.”

Tara Janssens - “I am the foreign rights manager at BOOKSAGE and a language enthusiast. When traveling, I always make it my mission to speak the local language as much as possible.

With four years of Chinese language study under my belt, including half a year in Beijing at the Beijing University of Technology (北京工业大学), I developed an understanding of the intricacies of language and the value of cross-cultural communication.

My curiosity and love for learning are evident in my frequent trips to bookstores, where I eagerly explore new titles and immerse myself in different cultures through literature.

I joined Cécile on the right(s) journey in 2020 for my graduate internship as an Oriental languages and Communication student and simply never left. My passion for connecting people through language and literature makes my job not just a career but a deeply fulfilling and meaningful endeavor.”

# Cécile

CEO

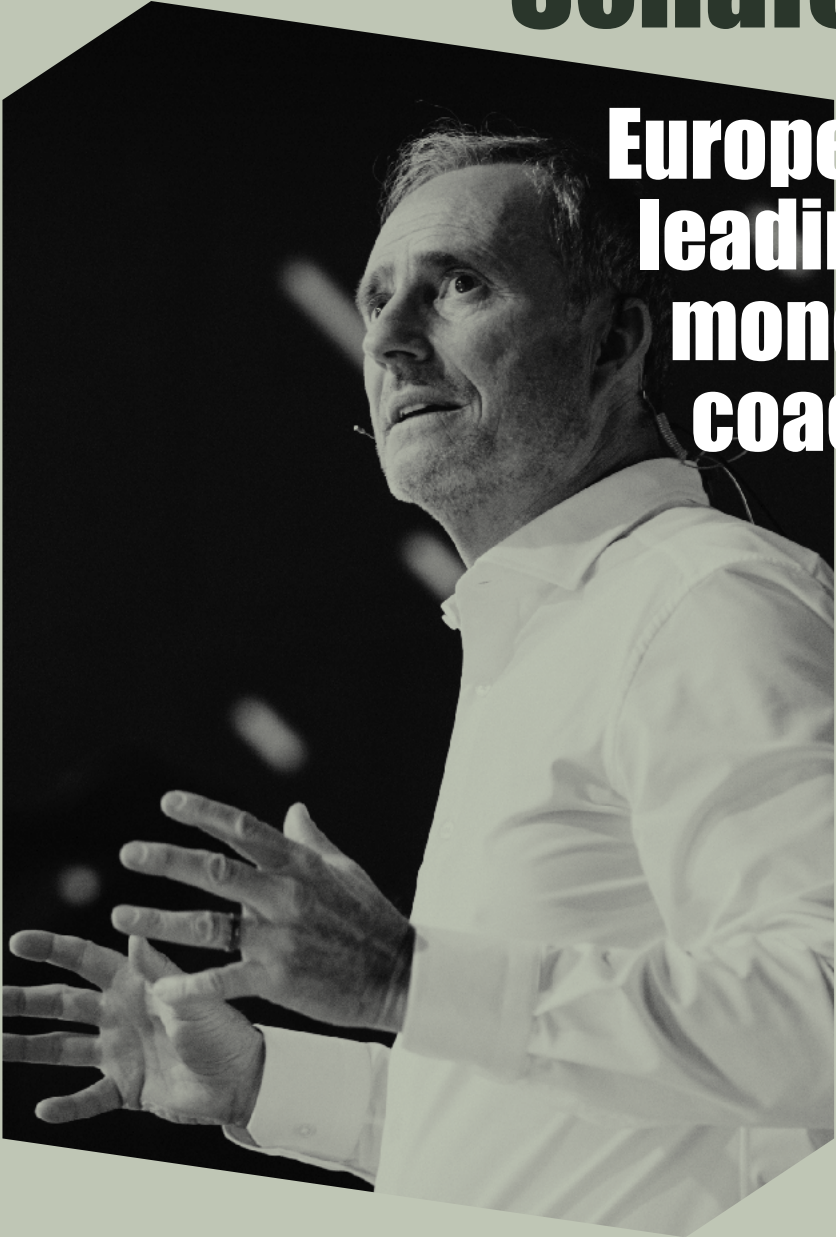



# Tara

Foreign Rights Manager

# Bodo Schäfer

Europe's  
leading  
money  
coach





**Bodo Schäfer, born in Cologne in 1960, is a renowned financial expert, author, and speaker. His exceptional books on wealth-building, success, and strategic positioning have become world-wide bestsellers, impacting millions of readers globally. Among his notable works is 'The Road to Financial Freedom', a magnum opus that has sold over 10 million copies and has been translated into more than 35 languages. Bodo is also the creative mind behind the first and most successful financial book for children, 'A Dog Called Money', inspiring young readers to embrace financial literacy from a young age.**

When Bodo Schäfer was just 16, he ventured overseas to attend high school in California before pursuing a law degree in Germany. At 26, he was hit by a financial crisis when his trading company became heavily indebted. However, with the guidance of his mentors, he devised and implemented ingenious strategies that enabled him to clear his debts and live off the interest he earned within just four years. Fuelled by his newfound financial freedom, Bodo became determined to help others achieve the same success. Thus, he started developing a series of innovative seminars that fused financial planning and leadership with strategies for personal growth and achievement.

Bodo Schäfer's expertise has made him a sought-after guest on numerous talk shows. He draws in over 100,000 eager attendees annually to his thought-provoking lectures, characterized by his entertaining approach to financial matters. His seminars have become hugely popular events that attract crowds from all over Europe and beyond.

The author, a devoted husband and father of three, alternately lives in Florida and Cologne.

**Success is no  
coincidence.**

# I CAN DO IT. ICH KANN DAS.

Spiegel #1 bestseller  
Amazon #1 bestseller

**“Discover the Path to Self-Confidence: An engaging Narrative with a Powerful Message.”**

CONFIDENCE ACADEMY – Karl, a mediocre law student with an underpaid day job, feels out of place as he stands before the sign of Marc’s office, a self-taught confidence coach he recently met. However, Karl is intrigued by the possibility that there might be more to him than he realizes. He begins an awe-inspiring journey to discover answers to life’s essential questions: “Who am I?” “Am I worthy?” and “Can I do it?”

In his latest and most personal book, Bodo Schäfer addresses the most crucial question: “How can we learn to become self-confident?” The author shares an engaging narrative about the transformative power of four simple words: *I can do it.*

This book emphasizes self-confidence’s fundamental role in building a foundation for happiness and success.



Original title: **ICH KANN DAS. Eine Geschichte über die drei Worte, die unser Leben verändern**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 249

Author: **Bodo Schäfer**

**Only those who say with conviction: “I can do this! I am lovable! I know who I am!” will lead a successful, self-confident, and free life.**



# Bodo Schäfer in the Media

## **Frankfurter Allgemeine**

*German newspaper*

Everyone else has copied and parroted the one true master: Bodo Schäfer.

## **DIE WELT**

*German newspaper*

Bodo Schäfer shakes things up. He shares practical knowledge that can be implemented immediately.

## **RTL**

*German television*

Bodo Schäfer is a source of inspiration for people who aspire to shape their own future.

## **STERN**

*Magazine*

**Bodo Schäfer is Europe's  
Money Coach!**



# The Road to Financial Freedom

## Der Weg zur finanziellen Freiheit

Over 10 million copies sold

**With a record of 110 consecutive weeks on the German non-fiction bestseller list (Spiegel), it's no surprise that over 10 million people have invested in Bodo Schäfer's financial guide.**

As Europe's leading money coach and personal management expert, Schäfer takes readers on a journey to financial freedom in his inspiring book, *The Road to Financial Freedom*.

This comprehensive guide emphasizes the importance of discipline, tools, and financial understanding needed to become wealthy and successful. The author also addresses financial prejudices that hold many people back from reaching their full potential. With the author's expert advice, the reader will learn how to manage and eliminate debt, control and grow assets, and achieve financial independence without relying on others.

Furthermore, the book offers valuable insights into improving the quality of life, even in financial crises. Whether you're a novice or an experienced individual in personal finance, *The Road to Financial Freedom* offers practical tips and strategies for taking charge of your financial future.



Original title: **Der Weg zur finanziellen Freiheit – Ihre erste Million in sieben Jahren**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 312

Author: **Bodo Schäfer**

# The Winners' Laws

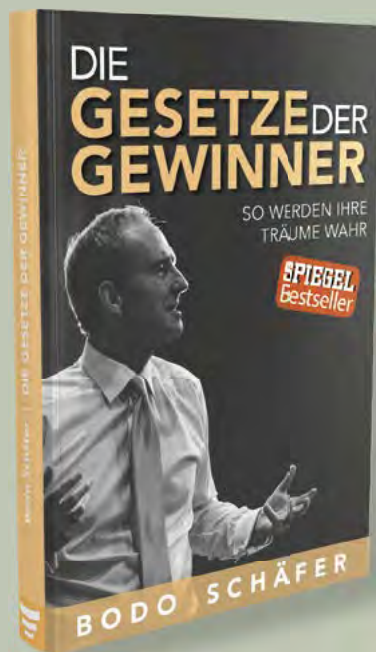
## Die Gesetze der Gewinner

a number one bestseller

We all desire a fulfilling and successful life but often feel unsatisfied with our progress. Our daily routines, obligations, and frustrations can hold back our visions and dreams.

In *The Winners' Laws*, Bodo Schäfer draws upon his coaching expertise to develop 30 tried-and-tested strategies that foster personal and professional success. Each law is explained in detail and accompanied by practical exercises that readers can immediately put into practice. By following these strategies, readers can witness daily changes in their behaviour and view of the world within just one month.

*The Winners' Laws* offers a multitude of benefits, such as gaining control over your work and schedule, effectively managing criticism and stress, conquering fears, receiving genuine recognition, and overcoming obstacles to foster personal growth.



Original title: **Die Gesetze der Gewinner – So werden Ihre Träume wahr**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 267

Author: **Bodo Schäfer**

# Finally Earn More

## Endlich mehr verdienen

How little steps can lead to big results

In this book, bestselling author Bodo Schäfer shares his insights on becoming more successful at work and increasing income. However, earning more is just one aspect of success. The book covers various core aspects, including how to make the job flow work for you, position yourself as an expert, and find a job that aligns with your talents. By following the well-defined rules and reliable strategies outlined in this book, you can increase your income by 20% within a year and up to 100% within three years, whether you're an employee, freelancer, or entrepreneur.

*Finally Earn More* offers practical advice on the following:

- Finding work that aligns with your skills and passions
- Negotiating better salaries with your boss
- Attracting lucrative customers as a freelancer

The book also challenges conventional wisdom and encourages readers to forget what their parents and teachers may have told them about work and success in the information age.



Original title: **Endlich mehr verdienen – 20% mehr Einkommen in einem Jahr**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 290

Author: **Bodo Schäfer**

# Leading Simple

Five tasks. Five tools. Five principles.

The ability to lead is a crucial factor in achieving success in life. With effective leadership, we can avoid falling short of our potential and settling for mediocrity.

*Leading Simple* presents a practical leadership system that stands out for its clarity and precision. It's the first system that distils the key elements of effective leadership into a single, accessible framework.

Inspired by the true-life journey of Boris Grundl, who goes by the name 'Louis' in these pages, *Leading Simple* shows you how even the greatest challenges can be defeated. Despite being paralyzed after a base jump went wrong, Louis succeeded in sports. He even became a Paralympic Games competitor, inspiring countless others to follow the principles laid out in this remarkable book.



Original title: **Leading Simple**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 192

Author: **Bodo Schäfer**

Co-author: **Boris Grundl**

# Money does Wonders for Women

## Geld tut Frauen richtig gut

Financial independence for women



Original title: **Geld tut Frauen richtig gut**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 224

Author: **Bodo Schäfer**

Women often rely too heavily on others for financial matters or pay too little attention to them. Enough of that! Here is the ultimate book that modern and committed women have been waiting for: A comprehensive guide to managing finances!

Women possess many qualities for handling money successfully: their dynamic, enduring, and intuitive character provides an optimal foundation for excellent financial management. Bodo Schäfer demonstrates to all women how to quickly and effectively become their own 'minister of finance'.

# Mental Alchemy

## Mentale Alchemie

### Strategies to turn problems into golden opportunities

For centuries, alchemists were known for their ability to turn base materials into gold. *Mental Alchemy* operates on a similar principle: it allows you to transform inhibiting thoughts into golden opportunities.

We often face three significant challenges in life: fear, problems, and the temptation to give up. These challenges can hinder our progress and prevent us from realizing our full potential. However, we can unlock our true potential by learning to transform this 'base material' of our lives into gold.

This book offers simple yet effective ways to turn your fears and problems into opportunities. It will teach you how to harness the power of Mental Alchemy through:

- 20 practical and instant remedies for worries and fears
- Techniques to cultivate perseverance
- Strategies to turn problems into golden opportunities



Original title: ***Mentale Alchemie – So verwandeln Sie Ängste, Probleme und die Versuchung aufzugeben in goldene Chancen.***

Original language: German

Number of pages: 181

Author: **Bodo Schäfer**

# The success story of

## A Dog Called **Money**

A fun way to learn how to be wealthy and successful



BODO SCHÄFER

# A Dog Called Money

## Ein Hund namens Money

Over 7 million copies sold

While the book was initially intended for children, its simple and heartfelt story has captivated numerous adults as well. It's no surprise that the book has sold over 7 million copies and has been translated into more than 30 languages. In fact, it's frequently recommended as the top choice in various German forums when people ask for book suggestions to help them get started with the subject of finance.

### Synopsis

The book, *A Dog Called Money*, chronicles the journey of Kira, a twelve-year-old girl, as she experiences a life-changing shift in her perspective towards money and herself. Through the eyes of the protagonist, Kira, the story takes us on a journey of self-discovery that unfolds within a short period.

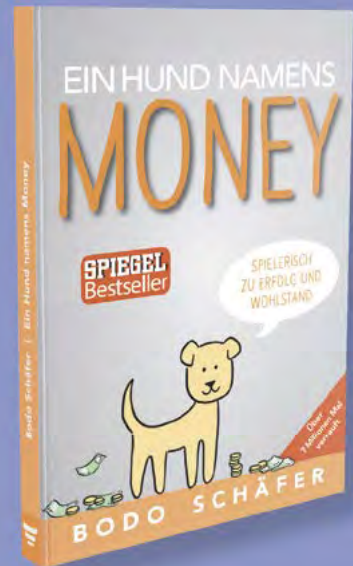
Kira's longing for a dog is finally fulfilled when she discovers an injured dog on her doorstep. She takes it in, and unknowingly sets off a series of events that would alter her life. As Kira cares for the dog named Money, she learns that the name is not a coincidence; it serves as a constant reminder of her parents' significant financial struggles.

With the loan instalments for their beautiful house being too high, Kira's parents frequently argue about money. While Kira fails to comprehend

the issue fully, she soon discovers that Money can talk! It turns out that Money is a financial genius, and he imparts valuable lessons to Kira throughout the book.

### Who is the target audience for *A Dog Called Money*?

This book is recommended for anyone who wants to enjoy a delightful story while learning about money. It is suitable for children aged 8 and up, as well as young adults, providing easy-to-understand information on money management, saving, and investing.



Original title: **Ein Hund namens Money**  
– **Spielerisch zu Erfolg und Wohlstand**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 203

Author: **Bodo Schäfer**



## A sampling of the many lessons from the book

### **Before you buy anything, consider if you really need it.**

Kira is about to order an album from her favourite band after seeing an advertisement for it on TV. As she is dialling the phone number to place the order, she suddenly hears a voice - Money - asking if she has considered whether she can actually afford the album. Money reminds Kira that purchasing the album would consume all of her pocket money for the month.

It's important to ask yourself if you really need an item before making a purchase, and to ensure that it fits within your budget. It's best to avoid taking on debt, as consumer loans and 0% financing often come with high costs. Frequent use of 'buy now - pay later' offers may cause you to lose track of your expenses.

### **Setting clear and specific financial goals is an essential step towards achieving financial success.**

In an effort to help Kira define her goals, Money assigns her the task of writing down her reasons for wanting to achieve wealth. After only a few hours, Kira has compiled a wish list that includes items such as a mountain bike, sports shoes, a trip to visit a friend, and a laptop.

Through this exercise, Kira gains a better understanding of herself and is more motivated to work towards

achieving her financial goals. Money explains that many people are unsure of what they truly want and simply crave more. However, by setting concrete goals, it becomes easier to take the necessary steps towards achieving them.



### **Mindset: Money is good!**

As Kira writes her list, she has a realization: money is not as unimportant as she once believed. With money, she can fulfil her dreams and help others, including her parents. This is one of her greatest wishes.



### **Dream tins and dream album**

Money then advises Kira to select three wishes from her list and create dream tins for each of them. She should save the money she has set aside for each wish in these boxes. In addition, Kira should create a dream album where she can stick pictures of her wishes. This will help her keep her goals and dreams in mind, as we adults know that it's easy to forget about them in the daily routine or put them on the back burner.

Finally, Kira should make it a habit to look at her dream album and wish list every day, and imagine how her wishes have already come true. For instance, she can visualize herself doing her homework on the laptop or achieving her other dreams. By doing so, she will remind herself of her wishes, and also start to recognize opportunities in everyday life that can help her turn her dreams into reality.

### **Start a success journal.**

Kira should begin writing down all her achievements and successes in her success journal.

This is an essential tool for building self-confidence and collecting sources of happiness, even amidst the hectic pace of everyday life.

### **And...**

The book also contains engaging lessons on investing, risk diversification, inflation, and currency devaluation, as well as the Eisenhower principle, which helps distinguish between important and urgent tasks.



**Seize the  
opportunity while  
it's still young,  
for great things  
often begin small.**

# The Global Journey of A Dog Called Money



Since its initial publication in 1999, *A Dog Called Money* has been a constant presence on the German bestseller lists for over two decades, with continuous success leading to translations in over 30 languages worldwide.

In South Korea, the book's popularity reached new heights as it inspired a long-running musical featuring Kira and her talking dog, Money. Over 700,000 children and parents attended the show, making it a massive success.

In 2020, translation rights were sold to CITIC Press in China. The new edition, which was released in early 2021, sold over 1 million copies within its first six months.

The book's success continued with a live broadcast on April 12, 2021, with the theme "Wealth: A Key Step to Growth," which attracted millions of Chinese viewers. During the broadcast, *A Dog Called Money* was presented as

THE book on personal and financial growth for children. Bodo Schäfer was interviewed at length via a live stream, alongside Michael Yu, founder of New Oriental Education Group, who both emphasized the importance of financial education for children.

**Kate Kui, a renowned business news commentator and in-depth interview host for global business leaders at China Global Television Network (CGTN), shared her thoughts on *A Dog Called Money*:**

"I read *A Dog Called Money* with great interest, even though I am an adult in my 40s. As a former investment banker for many years on Wall Street before resuming my career in media, I loved Bodo Schäfer's way of storytelling to enlighten people about reaching their goals in life. The book is written with philosophical insights through straightforward language and practical approaches to execution, which is likely one of the reasons it can have such a global resonance and be widely loved by the author's audiences."

## The Sequel:

# Kira and the Core of the Donut

## Kira und der Kern des Donuts

Money, the talking dog, is back in this highly anticipated sequel to the bestselling book, *A Dog Called Money*. Readers will once again join Kira and her lovable Labrador, Money, on an exciting adventure in America.

This time, the story has a deeper moral: Kira learns valuable life lessons and discovers seven character-building traits essential to living a fulfilling life. With the help of a magical magnifying glass that allows photos to speak, Kira experiences firsthand how these traits can come up in everyday situations.

Packed with humor and excitement, *Kira and the Core of the Donut* is a must-read for kids and adults alike. The seven character-building lessons featured in the book are:

- 🔍 Kindness
- 🔍 Responsibility
- 🔍 Motivating others
- 🔍 Helping and giving
- 🔍 Gratitude
- 🔍 Learning
- 🔍 Reliability

Join Kira and Money on their latest adventure and discover the importance of these traits in your own life!



Original title: **Kira und der Kern des Donuts**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 192

Author: **Bodo Schäfer**



## **The author Bodo Schäfer**

**In addition to being a respected financial expert, Bodo Schäfer is also a trailblazing author. His book 'A Dog Called Money' was not only the first but also the most successful financial book ever written for children.**


**In this entertaining book, Bodo Schäfer uses a fun and engaging narrative to teach children about the importance of money management and responsibility. He emphasizes that everything starts with them and empowers children to take control of their financial future from a young age.**

**'A Dog Called Money' has become a beloved classic and a must-read for parents who want to instil good financial habits in their children. Schäfer's unique approach has made learning about money a fun and rewarding experience for children, setting them up for success later in life.**

**Petra  
Bock**

**Pioneer  
in human  
resource  
work**





**Petra Bock was born in 1970 in a small town near Frankfurt am Main. Following her parent's divorce, she and her older brother moved to a county seat in Lower Bavaria in 1980, where they grew up. The conservative atmosphere of Bavaria in the 1980s was challenging the curious and idealistic young woman passionate about human rights and politics from an early age. She was driven by one question: how can change lead to improvement, both in her life and society?**

Dr. Petra Bock is the author of several international bestsellers, a management consultant, and a ground-breaker in European life and business coaching. She is an intellectual pioneer and one of the most popular speakers in Europe's German-speaking regions. In 2008, she founded her academy for coaches in Berlin. Today, the company is considered one of the foremost addresses for professional coaching seminars and advanced education programs.

#### **MINDFUCK® method**

The author devoted the first decade of the twenty-first century to developing her award-winning method, which helps individuals and organizations break free from internal barriers and achieve success. She exclusively teaches this method at her academy to advanced coaches, therapists, and leaders, while continuing to refine and develop it.

In addition to her work as a highly sought-after coach, speaker, and trainer, she is currently dedicating her time to a significant project centred on the theory of human thinking and the development processes she has created.

**After technical  
progress, we need  
human progress.**

# MINDFUCK

The parallel world in our heads

Multi award-winning bestseller

Self-sabotage is a common occurrence that we experience daily, often without realizing it. We may prioritize pleasing others over our needs, blame ourselves excessively, or adhere to rigid rules hindering our progress. These behaviours prevent us from reaching our full potential and can stem from fear and doubt. They create negative thought patterns that shrink our confidence and self-worth.

MINDFUCK® is a technique that helps to break free from these patterns and discover a new way of thinking. With this method, you can identify the roadblocks that hinder your progress and learn how to overcome them. By applying the MINDFUCK® approach to all areas of your life, you can experience newfound freedom and achieve success, self-effectiveness, and a greater sense of fulfilment.

Dr. Petra Bock developed MINDFUCK®, an award-winning method that has helped many people worldwide to overcome self-sabotaging behaviours and unlock their potential. This revolutionary technique has garnered a significant following and is a classic work in the field.



Original title: **MINDFUCK – Warum wir uns selbst sabotieren und was wir dagegen tun können**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 256

Author: **Petra Bock**

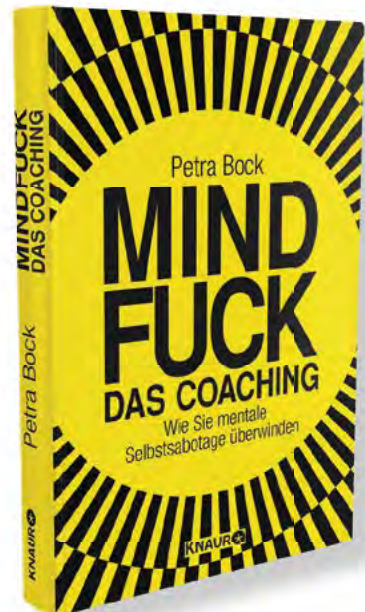


# MINDFUCK THE COACHING MANUAL

A book for the practice of self-coaching

*MINDFUCK THE COACHING MANUAL* is a comprehensive self-coaching book that offers readers the successful MINDFUCK® approach to understanding essential issues in life. Divided into three sections, this in-depth textbook guides you through overcoming situational mindfucks, such as speech anxiety or test anxiety, and blocks in dealing with certain people. The book also includes a chapter on overcoming chronic mindfucks, like staying in the wrong job, money problems, feeling undeserving of a good life, and enduring conflicts.

This award-winning method for overcoming mental self-sabotage is presented in a groundbreaking three-step approach to live a mindfuck-free life. Dr Petra Bock reveals effective strategies to unfetter you from old thinking patterns and fully utilize your unique potential. The book includes numerous highly effective coaching units and exciting exercises to help you overcome mental roadblocks and improve your life.



Original title: **MINDFUCK DAS COACHING – Wie Sie mentale Selbstsabotage überwinden**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 272

Author: **Petra Bock**

# MINDFUCK LOVE

Attain the full potential of love

Are we responsible for sabotaging the best things in life, including love and relationships?

In this book, Petra Bock applies her revolutionary MINDFUCK® method to love, revealing how we can hinder our own emotions and connections through such as “I always wake up on the wrong side of the bed,” “there’s no such thing as my dream partner,” or “if you loved me, you would...”. Negative thinking can prevent us from realizing our potential for love and even block others from connecting with us.

Petra Bock’s *MINDFUCK LOVE* offers a radical approach to freeing ourselves from negative thinking and unlocking our full potential for love. The author emphasizes the importance of establishing healthy boundaries in our relationships. Through practical coaching examples and specific instructions, she guides readers towards cultivating a powerful and healthy perspective on the most desirable thing in the world: love.



Original title: **MINDFUCK LOVE – Wie wir uns in der Liebe selbst sabotieren und was wir dagegen tun können**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 240

Author: **Petra Bock**

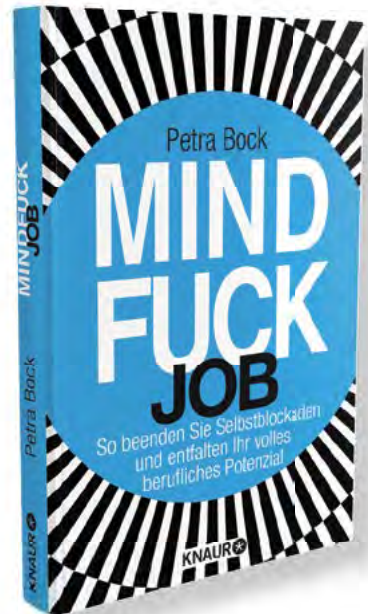
# MINDFUCK JOB

A new generation's award-winning  
success manual

*MINDFUCK JOB* is a guide to unlocking your full professional potential by removing self-sabotaging roadblocks. The German Speakers Association (GSA) awarded this book Coaching Book of the Year.

Petra Bock applies her successful MINDFUCK® method to the urgent topic of career development, demonstrating how we can free ourselves from a downward spiral and find satisfaction at work. Drawing on her vast practical experience and groundbreaking theory of human potential impairment and interference suppression, the author explains in intricate detail how we can identify and remove the barriers that prevent us from achieving our career goals.

If you want to fast-track your career success and improve your quality of life, this book provides practical guidance on overcoming self-sabotage and finding greater fulfilment in your work.



Original title: ***MINDFUCK JOB – So beenden Sie Selbstblockaden und entfalten Ihr volles berufliches Potenzial***

Original language: German

Number of pages: 256

Author: **Petra Bock**

# THE DECONFLICTED HUMAN DER ENTSTÖRTE MENSCH

An essential read in this day and age

*THE DECONFLICTED HUMAN* is a self-assured and scientifically sound work that provides a new perspective on our humanity, which has also been tested in the field. Although not yet mainstream, it deserves to be so, as it promotes new and more humane ways of thinking that can benefit us all. As a philosophical treatise, it presents a positive vision for future generations in a world still mired in negativity. Simultaneously, it offers practical utopian ideas, drawing from coaching and psychology, that individuals from all backgrounds can implement today. This book challenges conventional perspectives and encourages readers to break free from old thought patterns, promoting open discourse, particularly across ideological divides.

Join Petra Bock in decoding an entire epoch's blockade code and learn how to benefit directly from a new, uncluttered way of thinking. This will elevate you and others to new levels of inspiration, allowing you to see everything you have known with a fresh perspective.



Original title: **Der entstörte Mensch –  
Wie wir uns und die Welt verändern**

Original language: German

Number of pages: 311

Author: **Petra Bock**

‘Every individual has a life question, a fundamental inquiry that drives them. For me, that question has always been: “Why is humanity the way it is, and is there a possibility for change?” For over 25 years, I have been researching and experiencing significant upheavals in my professional and personal life. One day, I had a gut feeling that I was on the verge of a significant discovery - deciphering a code that has had an unparalleled impact on human history. This code could revolutionize our understanding of humanity’s past, present, and future. It took me seven years to be absolutely sure. It may sound dramatic, but I always knew that it would have made my life worth living if I succeeded. This book is the culmination of that journey.’

– Petra Bock

**Welcome to the  
Era of Humanity:  
Evolve, don't just  
survive.  
Why decrypting an  
ancient code can  
propel us forward.**



# Petra Bock in the Media

## **Die Welt**

*German newspaper*

Petra Bock is playing in the coaching premier league.

## **Manager**

*Magazine*

The author has performed profound research into the phenomenon of mental self-sabotage and describes seven types of it.

## **Cosmopolitan**

*Magazine*

Be cautious! Regardless of your proficiency at your job, comparing yourself to others, belittling yourself, and putting excessive pressure on yourself is self-sabotage. This is a significant issue among women, and Dr. Petra Bock will help you identify these 'career killers' and teach you how to stop them.

# Dimitri Balcaen

**Fantasy  
Alchemist**



A portrait of Dimitri Olivier Balcaen, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit jacket and a light-colored shirt. The background is a solid, muted orange color. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

**Dimitri Olivier Balcaen was born on February 24, 1989, in Bruges and is recognized as a Belgian novelist and accomplished screenwriter.**

In 2018, Dimitri made his literary debut with the delightful two-part children's series *Sisters of the Atom*. Following counsel from the esteemed Belgian children's author Dirk Bracke, he embarked on a remarkable journey, releasing a third novel that same year, an inspired creation based on an old manuscript. The result was *Peter & Pan*, a captivating fusion of the beloved childhood narrative of Peter Pan with the enchanting tapestry of Greek mythology.

Buoyed by this accomplishment, Dimitri delved into his creative endeavors, meticulously crafting numerous manuscripts and screenplays, including the noteworthy feature films *Comet* and *Transport XX*.

The year 2020 witnessed the emergence of the inaugural volume in a thoughtfully curated seven-part series titled *Grimoire*. This series stands as a beacon of solace for young individuals grappling with psychosocial challenges encompassing autism, eating disorders, anxiety, and depression. The resounding success of *Peter & Pan* played a pivotal role in facilitating Dimitri's venture into the realm of publishing, culminating in establishing his own publishing company, *ReadMore*, through a successful crowdfunding campaign in 2021.

The inauguration of this esteemed publishing house was marked by a flurry of new releases, including the eagerly anticipated second installment in the *Grimoire* series and a meticulously revised edition of his debut manuscript *Apotheosis*. Adding to his literary accomplishments, Dimitri unveiled the concluding chapter of the *Peter & Pan* saga, titled *Peter & Hook*, to an eager audience at *FACTS* in late 2022. Simultaneously, collaborating with the *Belgian Writers' Collective*, he contributed the opening story - *Run for Your Life* - to the captivating anthology *The Crossroads of Lost Souls* while lending his expertise to its layout and presentation.

As the current juncture unfolds, Dimitri is devoted to nurturing the growth of *The Observatory and Grimoire* series, with a constellation of forthcoming books poised to grace the literary landscape.



# THE PETER & PAN TRILOGY



The Peter & Pan trilogy intricately weaves the journeys of a young boy named Peter, his father James, a motley crew of smugglers, and the ambiguous figure, Pan, who cunningly reveals his true deceptive nature. Drawing inspiration from Greek Mythology, this trilogy ingeniously melds with the timeless narrative to birth an entirely novel realm of storytelling.

**Books lacking meaning are mere echoes. Through every tale I weave, I aspire to connect with those seeking understanding.**

# PETER & PAN

## How Peter became Pan

**PETER & PAN, the first novel, takes place around the end of the Hundred Years' War and tells the tale of the abduction of many children in Bishop's Lynn, which leads James and his crew to Neverland, where they must face bloodthirsty mermaids, fairies, and gods from long-forgotten ages.**

Smuggler James Barrie races through his blazing hometown, Bishop's Lynn, in a desperate bid to save his wife and child. Amid the chaos, he discovers his wife, Audrey, frozen in fear while his son, Peter, is ensnared by the mythical faun, Pan. James is incapacitated by Pan's flute and awakens amidst the ruins of a burned stable. The shocking revelation follows: all the children have been abducted. Led by vague clues, James sets sail with his crew to recover them.

Their perilous journey leads them across the British coast, guided by a stowaway claiming to be the last of the Maniot pirates. As trust grows, he hints at knowledge about Pan and the abducted children. After hardships and loss, he cryptically directs them to an unseen island. Once ashore, they encounter a tribe of natives and unravel Pan's imminent return. Battles with mermaids, natives, and gods escalate.

Pan eventually brings them to a camp where the captive children are held. James confronts Dionysos, a Greek god, who offers a deal: Peter in exchange for the other children. Unable to decide, James faces a mutiny. An intervention

by the natives leads to unintended tragedy and the revelation that the Maniot is the weakened god Hermes seeking to save his son.

Through dreams and revelations, James uncovers Pan's twisted plans, including using the children's bodies for his survival. The crew's final confrontation with Pan uncovers unexpected truths, divine battles, and James' transformation into the god Apollo. As a desperate stand unfolds, sacrifices are made, revealing Pan's grand scheme.

James battles Dionysos, aided by unexpected allies. Pan's sinister intentions are unveiled, the children's fates hang in the balance, and a climactic confrontation alters destiny. James thwarts Pan's ambitions with courage and determination, but not without a heavy price. The tale concludes with unforeseen twists, leaving an indelible mark on James, Peter, and the enigmatic Pan.



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# PETER & WENDY

## The Original Story

**Centuries have passed since the events of the original Peter Pan story. Neverland has changed, its natives forsaking peace, and the last lost boys clinging to their youth. James, now known as Captain Hook, seeks new companions. Enter Wendy Darling and her brothers John and Michael, setting the stage for their greatest adventure.**

Enter the enchanting world of Peter Pan, penned by the masterful J.M. Barrie. The Darling family, with Wendy, John, Michael, and their loyal friend Nana, live a cozy life until one fateful night under a moonlit sky. Peter Pan, the eternal youth, whisks them away to Neverland, a realm of endless adventure and imagination.

In Neverland, they encounter the mischievous Lost Boys, the mischievous fairy Tinkelbel, and the villainous Captain Hook along with his pirate crew. In this realm of boundless possibilities, the children experience thrilling adventures, confront perilous challenges, and savor the unfettered freedom that Neverland offers.

Wendy, with her heartwarming charm, takes on the role of the Lost Boys' nurturer, bringing structure to their lives. However, the idyllic balance in Neverland is threatened when Captain Hook and his pirates plot against Peter. An epic duel unfolds high above the tumultuous seas, as Peter and Hook clash in a battle of good versus evil.



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As the desire for home and a normal life grows, Wendy, John, and Michael make the courageous choice to return to familiar London. Peter Pan, determined to remain a perpetual boy, bids a bittersweet farewell and stays behind in Neverland, where the wind carries a touch of nostalgia.

Barrie's captivating tale embodies the essence of youthful innocence, boundless imagination, and the longing for freedom. Peter Pan represents the timeless yearning to preserve the playfulness and wonder of childhood while evading the burdens of adulthood. It's a compelling narrative that continues to captivate readers of all ages, urging us to embrace our inner magic and relish the impetuosity of youth, all while dreaming of adventures in the realm of eternal youth.

# PETER & HOOK

## The Final Days

**Witness the final chapter of Neverland's tale. After Peter's victory over Hook and departure from Wendy, a changed Peter withdraws from the world, becoming a myth. Meanwhile, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, a fairy draws Moira Darling, Wendy's descendant, into an unexpected adventure.**

In Neverland, as time returns to normal, the island withers. Hedone, the mother of all fairies, senses this. She seeks aid from a cloaked figure. With dwindling power, Hedone creates a final fairy, tasking her with finding those who can halt the impending disaster.

Moira Darling, motherless and adrift, discovers a crucial book among her mother's possessions. Written by Wendy's descendants, the book becomes Moira's compass. Denied the opportunity of motherhood because of her romantic inclinations, she becomes entangled in the upcoming adventure. Joining forces with the fairy, they meet Argus, Pan's son, and his companions Lio and Rhea.

The journey leads to Miami, closest to Neverland. Guided by Ione, a purple fairy, they meet Smee in a pub. He recounts his tale and aids their quest. Their path leads them to the decaying Neverland's coast. Amidst the chaos, Ione leads them to Hedone, revealing the island's tragic origin. They must revive Pan to destroy Hecate with a Dactyl's weapons.

Attacked, they gain allies among refugee warriors. In the fishing village, they acquire gear and knowledge. Daphne, Moira's tutor, aids her growth. Guided by Daphne, they locate Peter, weakened by an internal battle. With magic, they free Peter and search for Hook within the crocodile.

Inside the crocodile, they enter Elysium, where James rests. The group's unity restores Pan's heart. They confront Nike, separate Pan, Peter, and James from within, and escape the underworld. Confronting Hecate, Moira shatters her heart, undoing Neverland's magic. The island collapses, taking Pan and Ione with it.

Months later, Moira and her companions rebuild their lives. They've grown through the ordeal. Meanwhile, Peter and James find themselves in Elysium, reuniting with Audrey.



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# THE OBSERVATORY

## The Eighty-ninth Witch

### Part 1 of 4

**In Dimitri Balcaen's exciting new series, music, art, and magic converge. With vibrant full-color illustrations and a distinctive playlist accompanying each chapter, readers of all ages can delight in this story that exclusively features female characters.**

Seren Rowland, an Irish coastal resident, craves companionship after a childhood overshadowed by loss. One night, she witnesses moving stars and embarks on an unexpected adventure. Guided by her grandmother's encouragement, Seren discovers a world of magic on the Cassiterides, home of The Observatory.

Joining Quinn, Kinsley, and Grace, Seren learns they are the new generation of witches entrusted with safeguarding humanity. However, an anomaly arises when they're numbered as the 89th witches instead of the customary 88. Amid their training, the search for the 89th Witch commences, shrouded in an ancient prophecy.

As the girls delve into their roles, secrets and tensions surface. The discovery of their unique Familiars, mystical allies reflecting their inner selves, unveils hidden truths. Suspicion grows when Noctua, Seren's Familiar, raises doubts about Zoe's intentions, sparking a clash that reveals an infiltrator.

Seren and her friends embark on a challenging quest in the domain of Virgo to prove their worthiness. As they confront personal struggles and unveil their constellations' powers, a battle against the infiltrator ensues. Guided by Seren's bravery and supported by unexpected allies, they must face a powerful adversary who threatens the very heart of the Observatory.

In the climactic confrontation, Seren's compassion touches the infiltrator's heart, revealing a path to redemption. Sacrifices are made, lives are forever changed, and the Observatory is restored. Seren's journey of self-discovery and the bonds she forms with her friends reshape their destinies, affirming the strength of unity and the enduring magic within and around them.



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# GRIMOIRE

## The Gods of Tomorrow

### Part 1 of 7

**A year after a mysterious fire burned down their institution, Finn Zhao returns to Neverwick, reuniting with old friends. His journey takes him to Asgard, where he joins the Valdar, the Gods of Tomorrow, alongside Gwen, Tristan, and Emma. They discover a disturbing reality: magical children imprisoned in the Wyrms' Nest, hitting close to home.**

As Finn and friends navigate complex relationships and growing powers, they confront enigmatic Gunnar, leading to betrayals and sacrifices culminating in a climactic battle. Finn's selfless act propels him into a mysterious realm with unfinished business.

Returning to Neverwick, they uncover unusual gifts, guided by which they enter Asgard, recognized as Valdar by leader Freyja. Amid trials and valor, Finn and Gwen find a young child imprisoned for uncontrollable magic, leading to the Wyrms' Nest and encounters with Alvis and Gunnar. The Valdar, moved by empathy, study undercover but are forced into action by Gunnar's ruthlessness. Their quest exposes betrayals by former ally Alvis, endangering lives.

Meanwhile, Finn's friends confront Gunnar's escalating power, resulting in a climactic showdown. Finn's selflessness leads him to a mysterious realm with unfinished tasks.



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In Grimoire - Gods of Tomorrow, youthful struggles are intertwined with extraordinary destinies. The Valdar, bound by friendship, face darkness head-on, reminding us that heroism knows no bounds.

# GRIMOIRE

## The Barren World

### Part 2 of 7

**A year post-Gunnar's assault, Finn's friends strive to rescue him from the Giant's realm after receiving his desperate plea while he is trapped and framed for murder. Time is of the essence as they race against judgment. Will they save him in time? Find out in Grimoire 2: The Barren World.**

In a world of linked realms, Finn's distress call echoes from a desolate tower, reaching even a Ratatosk, messenger of the gods. Meanwhile, Gwen, Tristan, and Emma struggle to reopen the mystical portal to other worlds, spurred by Gwen's unyielding belief in Finn's survival.

Guilt-ridden Gwen seeks solace with Tristan and Emma in the forest, interrupted by a Ratatosk bearing Finn's message: he is trapped in the realm of the giants and will be executed for a murder he did not commit. Fear, relief, and fascination grip them, reflecting their personalities. Seeking aid from Alvis and Nana's wards becomes imperative.

Alvis proposes a complex ritual to save Finn, involving spirit-world communication: Memories surface, aided by Finn's loyal dog spirit, Connor. They journey through the fractured Waiting Room into the Barren World.

In Jotunheim, Finn, with Grid and Orvar, deciphers their prison's mystery. Their cells are actually biomes, created in an attempt to heal the dying world. Accusations against Orvar strain their

unity. Finn uncovers the truth during a tense Jotunheim hearing, revealing Grid's link to the Endless Beast and Brysha's sacrifice. Chaos reigns as the Valdar arrive, ultimately exonerating Finn. Facing Grid, Finn learns of her connection to the Endless Beast. A fierce battle ensues; Grid flees with the Grimoire and part of Finn's shield.

Now, Finn and friends must halt Grid's havoc, locating the vassal of the Endless Beast before more damage is done.



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