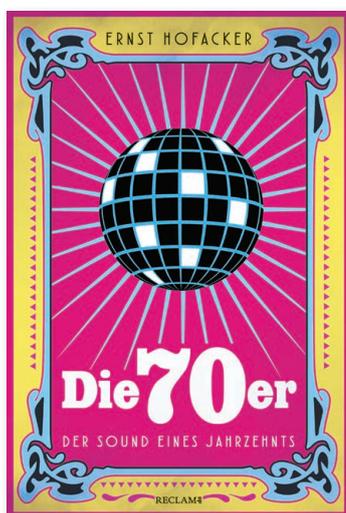


Martin Geck: Listening to Beethoven

[German title: Beethoven hören. Wenn Geistesblitze geheiligte Formen zertrümmern]
184 pages. With several musical examples. Hardcover 12 x 19 cm
ISBN 978-3-15-011252-6

Martin Geck – »doyen of musicology« according to the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, one of Germany's leading newspapers – approaches Beethoven's genius not by studying his biography, but through selected works, from string quartets and piano sonatas to the great symphonies. He focuses on the musical structures in Beethoven's works and portrays the great composer as a fierce and at the same time vulnerable soul. A book for Beethoven connoisseurs!

MARTIN GECK is a professor for Musicology at the University of Dortmund. With his books on music history and biographies of great composers, he has reached a wide public. His Beethoven biography was unanimously acclaimed by critics as the »great book of a great musicologist« (SWR 2).



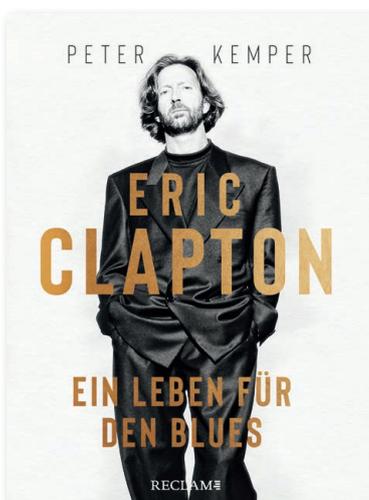
Ernst Hofacker: The Seventies. The Sound of a Decade

[German title: Die 70er. Der Sound eines Jahrzehnts]
350 pages. 63 Illustrations. Hardcover 16 x 24 cm
ISBN 978-3-15-011244-1

The seventies were a momentous decade for pop music, and they were full of innovation. Very different genres such as glam rock, punk, reggae and heavy metal originated in the seventies – as well as Krautrock, electropop, disco or hip-hop.

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ERNST HOFACKER (* 1957) is a music journalist and author. He has been awarded with the prize »Karl-Theodor-Vogel-Preis« for specialized journalism in 2013.



Peter Kemper: Eric Clapton and the Blues. A Biography

[German title: Eric Clapton. Ein Leben für den Blues]
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Peter Kemper's portrait of Eric Clapton does not simply recite biographical facts, but takes a close look at Clapton's social circumstances. How does a skinny white boy in post-war England come to devote himself to the blues? How did he rise to fame? What helped him overcome his drug addiction? And what was behind his Birmingham hate speech against people of colour? Peter Kemper provides profound answers for fans and the curious alike.

PETER KEMPER (* 1950) is a print and radio journalist as well as an author. He has published several books with Reclam, e. g. *The Beatles* (2013).



Wolfgang Benz: The resistance group »Onkel Emil« in Nazi Germany

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In 1938, the journalist Ruth Andreas-Friedrich and the conductor Leo Borchard decided that they would resist the Nazi regime. Their underground group existed in Berlin until Borchard's death in 1945 and later became known under the name »Onkel Emil«. The group provided food, quarters, and papers for politically persecuted Jews.

Against the background of the persecution of Jews in the Third Reich, Wolfgang Benz tells the moving story of a small group of people who stood up for others at the risk of their own lives.

WOLFGANG BENZ (* 1941), is a contemporary historian and professor emeritus of the Technical University of Berlin. He headed the Center for Research on Anti-Semitism in Berlin until 2011. His most recent publication with Reclam was *Die Weiße Rose*. 100 pages.

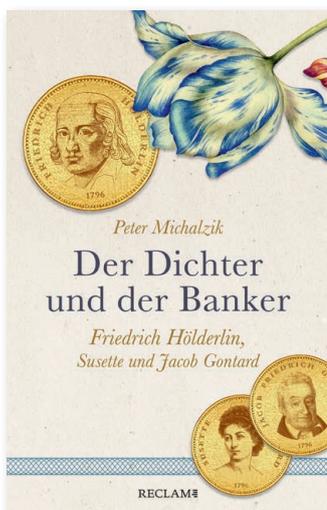


Luise Sammann: Turkey between democracy and dictatorship

[German title: Großmachtträume. Die Türkei zwischen Demokratie und Diktatur]
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Turkey has a problem with democracy, and that is not only because of president Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The fact that Turkish voters have a deep-rooted preference for strong, charismatic leaders has social and historical reasons dating back to the Ottoman Empire. Only if these deeper causes are understood can Turkey's democratization make progress.

The journalist **LUISE SAMMANN** (* 1985) worked as a foreign correspondent in Istanbul from 2009 till 2018.



Peter Michalzik: Money and poetry. Hölderlin, Suzette und Jakob Gontard

[German title: Der Dichter und der Banker. Hölderlin, Suzette und Jakob Gontard]
188 pages. Hardcover 12 x 19 cm
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In 1796 Friedrich Hölderlin assumed a position as tutor to the son of banker Jakob Gontard in Frankfurt, who introduced the poet to the world of finance. Hölderlin became part of the household and was very attached to Gontard's wife Suzette. The figure of Diotima in Hölderlin's novel *Hyperion* is modelled after Suzette. But what relationship did Suzette and Hölderlin really have? And why did Hölderlin have to leave the house and Frankfurt only a few years later? Peter Michalzik has written a gripping biography as well as a perceptive narrative about the relationship between art and economy.

PETER MICHALZIK (* 1963) is a visiting professor at Frankfurt University of Music and Performing Arts. He is the author of several biographies. His last publication was *1900: Vegetarier, Künstler und Visionäre suchen nach dem neuen Paradies*.



Pioneers of democracy and freedom of the press

Edited by Michael Haller and Walter Hömberg

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WALTER HÖMBERG (* 1944) is a visiting professor at the University of Vienna.



Ingo Reuter: The End of the World. The Purpose of Apocalyptic Narratives

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SASCHA MICHEL (* 1970) is a literary scholar, he lives and works as an editor in Frankfurt am Main.

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Maxim Biller
Wer nichts glaubt,
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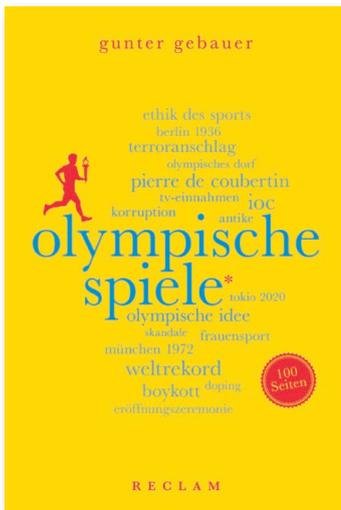
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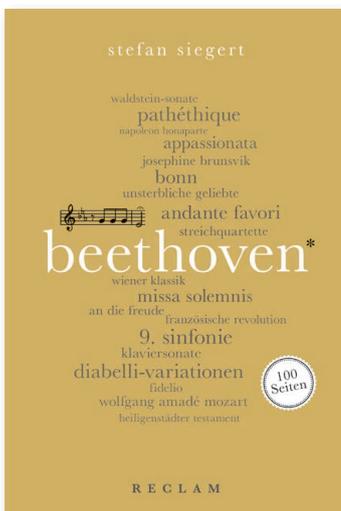
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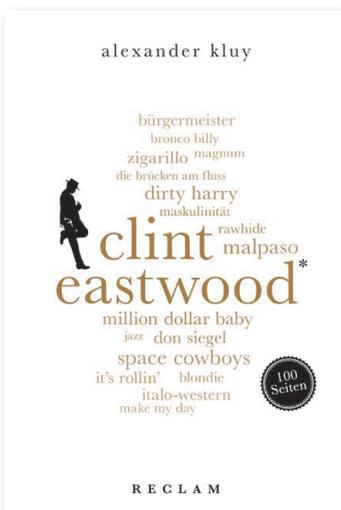


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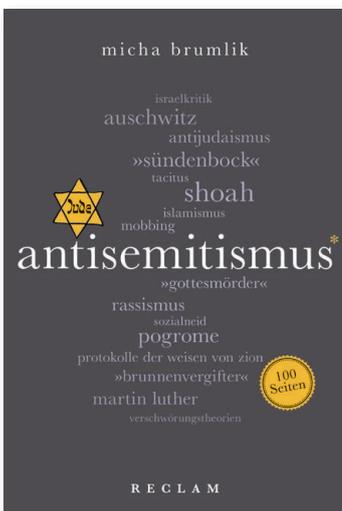


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DIETMAR DATH (* 1970) is a journalist and author of novels, stories, plays and non-fiction.



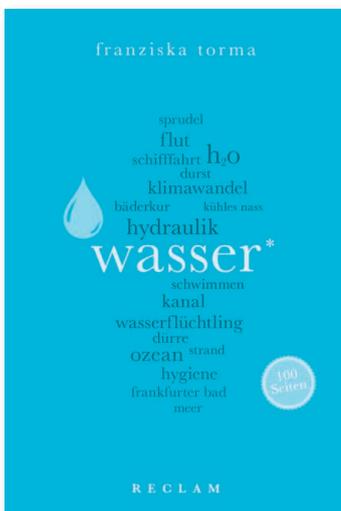
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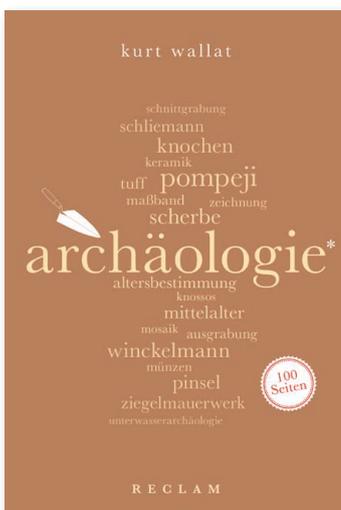


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