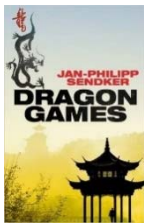


## GERMAN-SPEAKING AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS AT EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL 2016

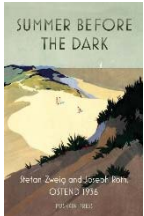


**Jan-Philipp Sendker** (& Peter Ho Davies)

Thursday 18 August, 7pm

### **Echoes of the Cultural Revolution**

The legacies of Mao and Confucius infect two provocative novels linking Chinese and American experiences. In *The Fortunes*, Peter Ho Davies recasts American history through the lives of Chinese Americans and cleverly depicts the immigrant family experience. Jan-Philipp Sendker's *Dragon Games* tells the story of an American journalist and his Chinese girlfriend as they face a crisis which takes them back to her home village.



**Volker Weidermann** (& Jo Baker)

Friday, 19 August, 3:30pm

### **How writers live through war**

Although Jo Baker's novel about a young Irish writer in 1939 Paris doesn't name Samuel Beckett, his life is clearly the inspiration – an intriguing and singular character. The literary figure at the heart of Volker Weidermann's narrative non-fiction *Summer Before the Dark* is Stefan Zweig. In the summer of 1936, he and his friend Joseph Roth seek intellectual exile as Europe crumbles around them.



**Wolfgang Bauer** (& Gulwali Passarlay with Bidisha)

Friday 19 August, 4pm

### **To risk my life had to mean something**

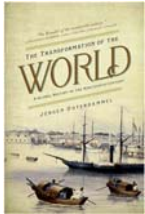
In 2014, Wolfgang Bauer was one of the first undercover reporters to document the journey of Syrian refugees from Egypt to Europe, witnessing the brutality of smugglers and the dangers of crossing the Mediterranean. Aged 12, Gulwali Passarlay was smuggled away from Afghanistan after the US army killed his father. He endured a 12 month journey, time in prison and a Calais camp before making it to Britain. Today, the two share their eyewitness accounts.

## The Write to Read: Discussing Dyslexia

Friday, 19 August, 7:30 pm

### Getting young readers reading

**Cornelia Funke** and Vivian French both overcame their own reading difficulties to become bestselling writers. Today, they discuss writing dyslexia-friendly books for young readers.

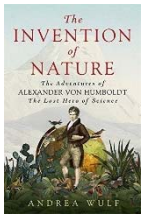


### Jürgen Osterhammel

Monday, 22 August 3:45pm

#### The sensational 19<sup>th</sup> century

The rise of cities such as Paris and Calcutta; the development of rail and road networks; migration and the slave trade: just some of the subjects covered in Jürgen Osterhammel's epically-titled, panoramic history of the 19th century, *The Transformation of the World*. Dazzling, dramatic and acclaimed, Osterhammel's masterpiece also ranges from civil war in the United States to the invention of film and photography.

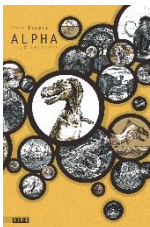


### Andrea Wulf (& Steve Jones)

Saturday 27 August, 5:30pm

#### Lost heroes of science

'The revolution has no need for geniuses' said the judge in 1794, sentencing chemist Antoine Lavoisier to death for political activism. Steve Jones' *No Need for Geniuses* tells the story of Lavoisier and his revolutionary times. Half a century earlier, Alexander von Humboldt was travelling the world, inspiring Darwin, Napoleon and Jules Verne. Andrea Wulf presents the overlooked tale of a remarkable naturalist in her Costa Biography Award-winning *The Invention of Nature*.



### Jens Harder

Monday 29 August, 3:45pm

#### All inhuman life is here

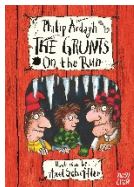
In his book *Alpha*, German illustrator Jens Harder embarks on the modest task of squeezing 14 billion years of history into one graphic novel. In this life-affirming compendium of images and ideas, Harder tells the story of evolution from the Big Bang through to genesis of life on Earth and right up to the start of human history. *Alpha* is a mind-boggling, meticulous, graphic masterpiece.

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS



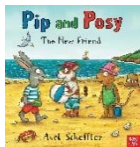
**Cornelia Funke** and the Terrible Tab  
Saturday 20 August, 10am

Things are looking pretty bleak for the mice of Raven Castle with Sir Tristan's cat, Terrible Tab, on the prowl. But can the arrival of Gawain Greytail, a fierce mouse knight, lead them to defeat their feline foe?



Philip Ardagh & **Axel Scheffler** on the Run  
Monday 29 August, 5:30pm

The world can relax now that the gruesome Grunts are finally behind bars - or are they? In *The Grunts on the Run*, the final book in the popular series, they make a break for freedom and revenge is on the cards.



Making Friends with **Axel Scheffler**  
Saturday 27 August, 3:15pm

The Gruffalo illustrator, Axel Scheffler, returns with the latest book in his Pip and Posy series, *The New Friend*. This warm and witty story of the frustrations of friendship is beautifully brought to life with Axel's inimitable illustrations.

## OTHER EVENTS



**Angela Merkel** by **Matthew Qvortrup**  
Tuesday 16 August, 3:45pm

For at least a decade, Angela Merkel has been the most influential woman in world politics. Fighting for stability in the Eurozone and dishing out stiff economic medicine to Greece, Merkel has also been an architect of austerity politics. But will the migration crisis cause her downfall? Professor of Political Science Matthew Qvortrup's new book on the German leader.



**Debate: Europe**  
Monday, 29 August 7:30pm

Across Europe many are beginning to question whether austerity measures will ever lead Europe out of crisis. Join the debate featuring two European experts: Giles Merritt, author of *Slippery Slope* and **Robert Menasse**, Austrian author of *Enraged Citizens*, *European Peace and Democratic Deficits*. Ruth Wishart chairs.