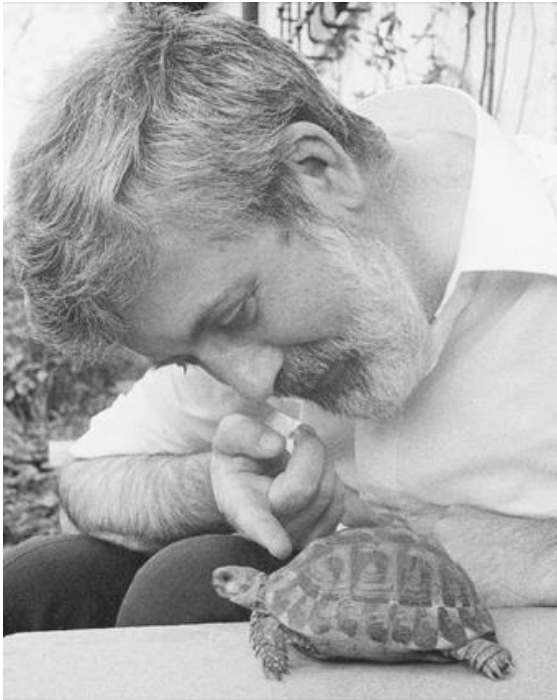


Michael Ende



Michael Ende was born in 1929 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and died near Stuttgart in 1995. It was more by chance that he started writing for children, when he was asked to write the text for a picture book. Michael Ende let his love of telling stories take over and the result was a very thick manuscript about "Jim Button and Luke the Engine Driver", which was an immediate and huge success after its publication in 1960. This was followed by other international best sellers, such as the fairy tale novel "Momo" (1972) and "Die unendliche Geschichte" (The Neverending Story) in 1979. He also wrote the texts for numerous picture books. He is one of the most successful German authors, and over 35 million copies of his books have been sold in more than 40 languages. Michael Ende was given many national and international prizes

and literary awards for his novels and stories. In 1998, a Michael Ende Museum was opened in the International Youth Library in Munich.

*"Time is life.
And life lives in the heart."*

(Momo)

Momo

The story of time thieves and Momo, the child who gave the stolen time back to the people.

Age 8+

Momo's world is a city somewhere in the south of Europe. A sinister army of grey gentlemen are at work making more and more people save time. In reality, however, they are tricking these people out of this saved time and taking away their joy of life. The more the people save time, the more impoverished, more rushed and colder their existence becomes. It is the children who feel this heartlessness most. When distress is at its greatest Master Hora, the mysterious custodian of time, intervenes. But to do this, he needs the help of a human child. Momo, the scruffy little heroine of the story, takes on the difficult task and, with nothing but a flower in her hand and a tortoise under her arm, fights all by herself against the huge army of grey gentlemen – and is wonderfully successful.

International bestseller: More than 10 Mio copies sold worldwide!

Sold to:

Spain (Basque), Portugal, Bulgaria, Spain (Catalan), China, Croatia, Czech Republic,

Denmark, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Spain (Galician), Greece, Israel (Hebrew), Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Sri Lanka (Sinhala), Spain (Spanish), Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam, South Africa (Afrikaans), Estonia, Georgia, Iceland, Latvia, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Macedonia, Albania, Mongolia, Syria, Taiwan, USA, Lebanon

"Do what you want."

(The Neverending Story)



The Neverending Story

Age 8+

Bastian Balthasar Bux is being bullied by his classmates, and flees into the second-hand bookshop owned by Mr Carl Conrad Coreander. Mr Coreander is reading a very strange book: The Neverending Story. Bastian is drawn to it as if by magic, and he simply cannot resist stealing it. Breathless with excitement, he creeps up into the school attic and begins to read all about the boundless kingdom of Fantastica which is under threat from the Nothing, and about the Childlike Empress who is dangerously ill, and the heroic Atreyu and Aurnyn, the symbol of power and wisdom. "DO WHAT YOU WANT" is the message written on Aurnyn. Bastian begins to tremble: is this message addressed to him? Is he the human child Atreyu is looking for? Can he save Fantastica by giving the child Empress a new name? Is he, the timid, pale-faced Bastian, now supposed to become a hero?

Sold to:

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"There are some people who can never enter the world of fantasy, and there are some people who can, but who stay there for ever. And there are others who enter fantastic worlds and then come back. Just like you, Bastian. And they make both worlds healthy."

(The Neverending Story)

The Night of Wishes

Age 5+

It's New Year's Eve, and Shadow Sorcery Minister Beelzebub Preposteror has fallen hopelessly behind in meeting the contract deadlines set by his benefactor, the Minister of Pitch Darkness, who has granted Preposteror extraordinary powers in exchange for certain obligations. However, Preposteror has failed in rendering extinct 10 species, killing at least 10.000 tress, bringing at least one new plague into the world, etc., etc. And the stroke of midnight looms large. Then his incredibly fat, jewelbedecked Aunt Tyrannia Vampirella arrives unexpectedly (she's in the same danger from below as her nephew) with half of the recipe for a potion (he has the other half) that would enable them to make up for all their omitted evil deeds. The two old reprobates work together to concoct the concoction, all the while planning to cut each other out. Standing between the evil pair and their evil plan are two secret agents from the High Council of Animals: Mauricio di Maura, a spoiled, round-as-a-ball little tomcat with a pitiful tail, and Jacob Scribble a scHelena Helena Ragg-Kirkbyly raven with "rawmatism" and few feathers. Humor provides the momentum here; it is patently obvious from the start that gook will triumph – how that happens creates the suspense.

Sold to:

Bulgaria, Spain (Catalan), China, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Estonia, Greece, Israel (Hebrew), Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, Norway, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Spain (Spanish), Turkey, Denmark, Czech Republic, Finland, Slovenia, Sweden, Romania, Jordan, USA , Brazil (Portuguese), Iran (Farsi), Ukraine (Ukrainian)

Ophelia's Shadow Theatre

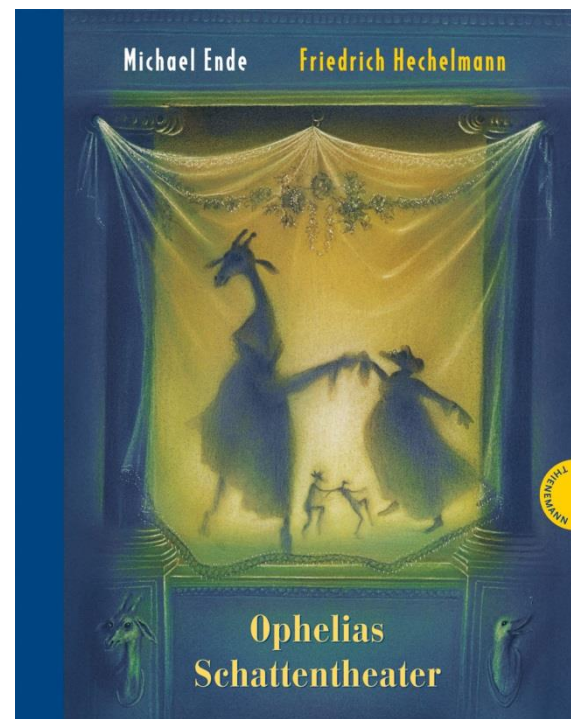
Ophelia is an old lady who has spent her life working as a prompter in the theatre in the small town she lives in. One day, the theatre has to close down and Ophelia is sad and lonesome, until a shadow that no one wants comes to her looking for protection. In the course of time a lot of lonely shadows come to "Ophelia's Shadow Theatre" and she performs magic plays with them. But then suddenly a particularly dark shadow wants to join in. Its name is Death.

Age 6+

And for adults

Sold to:

Portugal, China, Italy, Japan, Korea, Denmark, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Finland, Greece, Norway, Spain (Spanish), Sweden, Mongolia



Tranquilla Trampeltrue

One of the loveliest picture book stories by Michael Ende, and a timeless tale about determination and trust.

Age 4+

It is the sultan's wedding! Tranquilla Trampeltrue is determined to be there. But the path is long and Tranquilla not exactly the fastest of beasts. But the little tortoise refuses to be put off. She knows where she is going – and she is going to get there, too.

Also for adults

More than 250,000 copies sold worldwide

Sold to:

Spain (Catalan), China, Denmark, Spain (Galician), Italy, Korea, Spain (Spanish), South Africa (Afrikaans), The Netherlands, France, Japan, Mongolia, Turkey

The Dream Eater

Age 4+

In the kingdom of Drowsyland sleep is all-important. But Princess Lullaby has such nasty dreams that she would prefer not to sleep at all. But there is no one in the whole land who knows what to do about nasty dreams. So the king sets off out into the big wide world – and finds a cheerful little fellow: the dream-eater!

Sold to:

Portugal, Spain (Catalan), China, Denmark, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Finland, France, Greece, Israel (Hebrew), Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, Norway, Spain (Spanish), Sweden, Turkey



Norbert Fatnoggin or The Naked Rhinoceros

The tyrannical rhinoceros, Norbert Fatnoggin, has driven all the animals out of the steppe and away from their water hole. Norbert Fatnoggin is now the undisputed ruler. Only one brave, little bird has stayed behind with him. He has a cunning plan. So, it is not always the strongest members of society who win in the end; it is often a cunning little bird.

One of Michael Ende's most charming fables – adults love it, too!

Sold to:

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