

## Erich Kästner



*“Kästner is a master of suspense. There is probably no-one since who has succeeded with such an equal measure of criticism and understanding in opening the eyes of children to the present in which they are living.”*

Austrian Broadcasting Corporation

**Erich Kästner** was born in Dresden in 1899, and died in Munich in 1974. He was not only one of the world’s most famous children’s authors, but was also master of many genres of writing, as a novelist, poet, cabaret artist, dramatist and feature writer. *Emil and the Detectives*, which he wrote in 1929, was a worldwide bestseller. Kästner’s own life story was closely linked to the social conditions of his time, which he observed with an ever clear and watchful eye. During the Nazi regime his books were banned, but later his life’s work was recognized by the award of the International Youth Prize and the Hans Christian Andersen Medal, among others.





## Emil and the Detectives

Age 6+

For the first time Emil is allowed to travel to Berlin on his own. His grandmother and cousin Pony Hütchen wait for him at Friedrichstrasse Station, but Emil never arrives. While Grandma and Pony wonder what they should do, Emil is involved in an exciting chase across the unfamiliar city, in pursuit of the thief whom he met in the train and who stole all his money. Fortunately, Emil quickly enlists the help of Gustav with his hooter and his gang of boy detectives.

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## Lottie and Lisa (or The Parent Trap)

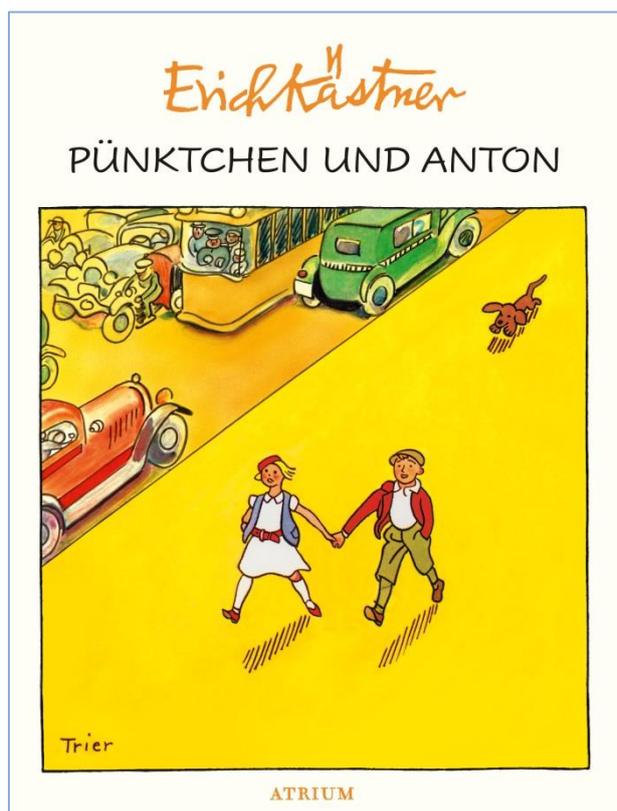
Age 6+

At a holiday home two little girls suddenly come to face to face, and find they are as alike as two peas in a pod. Luise Palfy from Vienna and Lotte Körner from Munich decide to get to the bottom of their mysterious resemblance, and so after the holiday Luise goes to Munich as Lotte, and Lotte goes to Vienna as Luise.

- **The famous Disney movie „The Parent trap“ is based upon this book!**
- **“Modern Family“: an early story about children of divorce**

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## Dot and Anton (Pünktchen und Anton)

**Age 6+**

One night a poor blind woman is standing on Weidendam Bridge with a little girl, selling matches. A brave boy is quicker than all the grown-ups in tackling a thief. Fräulein Andacht and Robert 'the Devil' are cooking up some evil schemes. Fat Berta dances the tango and does her Indian club-swinging. Herr and Frau Pogge are Dot's parents, but unfortunately only part-time.

- **A story of rich and poor and a strong girl fighting for justice!**
- **One of the most popular plays in Germany – a classic that is, unfortunately!, still very much up-to-date!**

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## The Flying Classroom

**Age 8+**

While rehearsals for the Christmas production of Johnny Trotz's play *The Flying Classroom* are in full swing at the boarding school, children from the local secondary school kidnap Rudi Kreuzkamm and also steal all the dictation exercise books. Of course Martin, Matze, Sebastian, Uli and Johnny immediately spring into action. In the meantime, a dangerous experiment leads to a broken leg and – perhaps even worse – a letter to a broken heart.

In this classic school story, which Erich Kästner himself regarded as his best children's book, it is clear that childhood is not only "baked with the very dough", but also that children can be very lonely and insecure. Life is a lot easier, however, when you have good friends.

With gentle melancholy and warm humour, Kästner depicts the adventures of these schoolchildren in such a way that we can experience their problems, both big and little, for ourselves.

- **The perfect Christmas show!**

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# *“This must change!”*

## The Animals' Conference

Age 5+

Oscar the Elephant has called for a meeting of the animals. He and his friends, Leopold the giraffe, Alois the lion, and animals from all corners of the Earth reckon that humans spend far too much time thinking about war, and far too little time thinking about children. “This must change!” they resolve, and by joining forces and hatching some clever plans, they succeed. At the 87th Congress of Humans in Kapstadt, at last the humans solemnly sign an Eternal Peace Treaty.

- A funny but sincere plea for a peaceful world in which every child could have a happy childhood
- A book that get's more and more important in our modern times!

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