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Cornelia Funke born in 1958, is an international bestselling German children’s author. After she graduated from college, she worked as a social worker with children from difficult backgrounds. She returned to school three years later, this time to study book illustration at the Hamburg State College of Design. As an illustrator, she designed board games and illustrated children's books. But she soon became frustrated. Disappointed in the way some of the stories were told and wanting to draw fabulous creatures and magical worlds rather than familiar situations of school and home, she was finally inspired to write her own children’s books (“Meet the Author”).

Funke's earliest books, most of which she illustrated herself, were short and aimed at younger readers of about eight years old. Her first longer, chapter book for older children was *Dragon Rider*, published in Germany in 1997. It was followed in 2000 by the international bestseller: *The Thief Lord*, which won the Indies Choice Book Award for Children's Literature in 2003 (“Cornelia Funke Biography”).

Cornelia now lives in Los Angeles, California with her 14-year-old daughter Anna and 9-year-old son Ben. They have several pets: two Icelandic horses, a crazy dog, Luna, nicknamed Looney, and a very shy guinea pig (“Meet the Author”).

“Meet the Author.” *Scholastic*, www.scholastic.com/inkheart/popups/bio.htm. Accessed 27 Feb. 2023.

“Cornelia Funke Biography.” *Notablebiographies*, www.notablebiographies.com/news/Ca-Ge/Funke-Cornelia.html. Accessed 27 Feb. 2023.

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Dragon Rider series

Call number: F FUN

1. Dragon Rider
2. The Griffin’s Feather

The last Pegasus in the world has been discovered and when Ben learns the legendary horse has three unhatched eggs that need to be protected, he vows to help. But the only way the eggs will ever hatch—and continue the survival of this incredible magical species—is if they are placed under a griffin’s feather.



The Thief Lord

2003 Book Sense Book of the Year Award
for Children’s Literature Honor

2003 Indies Choice Book Award for
Children’s Literature

Call number: F FUN

Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt only the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt, but they find protection from a gang of Venetian street children and their leader, the Thief Lord.