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**The Author:**

**Robert Louis Stevenson**, born in Edinburgh in 1850, died from the consequences of tuberculosis at the age of 44. He left behind an extensive literary opus. His best known works are the literary adventure classics *Treasure Island* and *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*.

**The Illustrator:**

**Henning Wagenbreth**, born in Eberswalde in 1962, is Professor for Illustration and Graphic Design and the University of Arts in Berlin. His picture book *Moon and Morning Star* was awarded the "Golden Letter" as part of the international competition "Most beautiful books from around the world" and the first prize as "The most beautiful German book" by Stiftung Buchkunst.



**HENNING WAGENBRETH & ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON**

## The Pirate and the Apothecary

### A literary and artistic discovery

Berlin based comic artist Henning Wagenbreth has discovered a number of ballads in Robert Louis Stevenson's work that are entirely unknown. Fascinated by the power of these stories, he has translated one of them into German and has illustrated it: *The Pirate and the Apothecary*—"a jewel filled with colourful facets of good and bad, honour and crime, greed and modesty, lie and truth." (Wagenbreth)

It is the ballad of two bad guys, Robin and Ben who are friends. Robin is a tearaway and brazen thief, who loves a good fight. Ben is cowardly, cold and calculating, he steals surreptitiously. Robin becomes a pirate, he fights on the seven seas, drinks, parties, captures ships and wins women's hearts. As a villain he is feared and respected at the same time. Ben becomes an apothecary, lives comfortably, his choice of wife is in accordance with economical calculations, he cheats wherever he can and earns his riches in malicious ways.

The old companions meet again after many years and compare their lives' profits. When Robin becomes aware of his friends' gutless and dishonourable activities there's a tremendous showdown!

### Sales points

- Extraordinary illustrations
- Award-winning illustrator
- Newly discovered text by R.L. Stevenson

- **Nominated for the German Children's Literature Award 2013**
- **HOTLIST 2012**
- **Melusine-Huss-Prize 2012**
- **Donkey of the Month**

**Picture Book / Graphic Novel**