



Reading Challenge “Die Hexe von Bamberg” Instructions

Start: 3. November 2025 (B1+/B2 level)

Welcome! This is your invitation to join the *Die Hexe von Bamberg* reading challenge. It's completely free and designed to help you read and speak with more motivation, structure, and fun.

Join the community:

- [WhatsApp Group](#)
- [Telegram Group](#)

Get the book:

- [Paperback or Kindle book on Amazon](#)
- [PDF eBook \(Patreon Shop\)](#)

 Paying members of the [German with Stories Club](#) can download the book for free until November 3!

How the challenge works

1. We read **one chapters per week**. You read *on your own* – whenever it fits your schedule – but each time you finish a chapter, please let us know in the group. This little check-in helps everyone stay motivated (yes, that includes me too!).
2. Unlike previous challenges, you can **join this one at any time** during the **20-week period**, since the book consists of **20 independent short stories**. However, if you join after the challenge has started, you **won't begin with Chapter 1**. Each week is dedicated to **one story**, which will be **read and discussed** in the groups.
3. All participants are required to **introduce themselves** as soon as they join the group. If someone doesn't do it on their own, I'll remind them — and anyone who **fails to introduce themselves** will be **removed from the group**.



What you can do in the groups

This challenge is not just about reading – it's also a chance to speak and write! Here are a few ways to participate (voice messages are welcome and recommended!):

1. **Read the chapter out loud** – or a part of it.
2. **Answer the comprehension questions** in your own words.
3. **Answer the conversation questions** and start a discussion with other participants
4. **Use the “Sprachtipps” expressions** in sentences of your own.

A few important notes

This is a self-directed challenge. That means: **You are in charge of your learning.** I'll be there, listening and cheering you on, but I won't correct your grammar or pronunciation – unless I hear something that's really unclear and worth explaining for everyone.

If you're unsure about a grammar point or a word, feel free to ask – but please try to look it up first. Learning to find your own answers is part of the journey 🟢.

Story Schedule

Below you'll find an overview of which story we'll be reading each week - perfect if you join later or decide to take a break in between.

3. November 2025 - Die Hexe von Bamberg: Bamberg, 1630. Helene lives as a healer on the edge of the city, in a time when one wrong step could mean death. When a mysterious young woman knocks on her door, Helene's life takes a dangerous turn. Between fear, faith, and power unfolds a story of courage, fate, and the mysterious forces that shape human destiny.

10. November 2025 - Der Austernfischer: Along the windy coast of western France, Pierre has spent fifty years harvesting oysters from the sea. But when thieves begin stealing from his farm, the old fisherman faces losing everything he's built. Then his grandson from Paris arrives with a clever idea that could change not only Pierre's fate, but also that of an unexpected stranger.

17. November 2025 – Das Testament: When Patricia's grandfather dies, she expects only grief and maybe a little money to help her survive her chaotic city life. Instead, his will confronts her with an unexpected challenge, one that forces her back to the countryside she once escaped. What begins as an obligation slowly becomes a journey of rediscovery, healing, and the true meaning of family.



24. November 2025 - Der reisende Tischler: In 1514, young carpenter Friedrich leaves his home to travel the world and master his craft. His journey takes him from small German villages to grand cities and into the workshops of remarkable artisans. But one encounter will lead him to uncover a secret hidden in fine wood and love — a secret that changes not only his destiny, but that of those he meets along the way.

1. Dezember 2025 - Drama im Cockpit: When Robert boards a flight to Madrid, he doesn't expect his younger brother to be the one flying the plane — or that their journey will turn into a test of life and death. High above the clouds, a sudden emergency forces both men to confront old memories and fears that never truly disappeared. In the narrow space of the cockpit, past and present collide in a gripping story about courage, trauma, and brotherhood.

8. Dezember 2025 - Eine Frage der Moral: Javier divides his life between two women — Marleen from Belgium and Hanna from Switzerland. All three travel often and meet in different corners of the world, each believing the arrangement somehow works. But as love, loyalty, and freedom intertwine, Javier begins to wonder whether happiness built on secrets can truly last.

15. Dezember 2025 - Nachbarn: Elfriede, 86, has lived in the same building for over sixty years — once full of German families, now home to neighbors from around the world. Lonely and annoyed by the noise of the children downstairs, she feels like a stranger in her own country. But one unexpected fall and an act of kindness begin to change everything, showing her that friendship speaks every language.

22. Dezember 2025 - Das Kleid der Tänzerin: During a weekend in Paris, Melanie discovers an old ballet dress once worn by a legendary Russian prima ballerina. Drawn by a strange fascination, she meets the dancer's great-granddaughter and steps into a world of elegance, secrets, and forgotten history. What begins as a simple curiosity soon turns into a connection that feels destined.

29. Dezember 2025 - Ein spezieller Gast: When a charming foreigner checks into a quiet lakeside hotel, Jennifer thinks it's just another ordinary guest. But after he leaves, a shocking news story turns her world upside down. Suddenly, she must decide between doing what's right and protecting herself - a choice that could change her life forever.

5. Januar 2026 - Der neue Pfarrer: When Father Carlos Medina arrives from Colombia to lead a small German parish, not everyone welcomes his easygoing style and open mind. Jeans instead of robes, music instead of solemn silence — he changes everything. But as old habits meet new ideas, even the most skeptical hearts begin to open, discovering faith and community in unexpected ways.

12. Januar 2026 - Ein nicht ganz gewöhnlicher Tag: Kirsten wakes up to what seems like the worst day of her life — a sleepless night, a ruined dress, a lost job, and a breakup text. But when all hope seems gone, an unexpected twist turns despair into relief. Sometimes, life falls apart only to make room for a surprising stroke of luck.



19. Januar 2026 - Mischa: In the middle of a freezing winter night, a hungry stray cat sneaks through an open window in search of warmth and food. What begins as a desperate act leads Mischa into the life of a little girl and to a home filled with love. A touching story about loss, kindness, and second chances.

26. Januar 2026 - Ein Koffer aus Argentinien: When Manuel receives a mysterious letter from a law firm, he discovers he's the heir to a woman he never met — his grandmother in Argentina. A single suitcase arrives, filled with old photos, diaries, and a letter that unravels decades of silence and secrets. What he finds inside may lead him not just to his past, but to a new beginning.

2. Februar 2026 - Ein ungewöhnlicher Dieb: A series of burglaries keeps the Frankfurt police on edge. Everything points to a professional until Kommissar Meier notices an unexpected connection between the victims. What he uncovers will challenge his idea of guilt and justice more than any case before.

9. Februar 2026 - Ein Geschenk aus der Zukunft: Hamburg, 1872. Sixteen-year-old Michael dreams of a better life—until a mysterious encounter changes his destiny in ways he could never imagine. Decades later, an object from that night becomes his family's last hope. A moving time-travel story about courage, love, and the power of an unexpected gift.

16. Februar 2026 - Reset: An international crew embarks on a daring mission to travel 12,000 years into the past and restart human civilization. But when they awaken from decades of deep sleep, they face an unexpected turn that puts their mission and their unity to the test.

23. Februar 2026 - Ruf der Ferne: In the early 1920s, young Leonardo leaves his home in Sicily to seek a better life in Argentina, hoping to earn enough to bring the girl he loves and start a family together.

2. März 2026 - Schatzsuche auf Amrum: Two retired friends travel to a windswept North Sea island after one of them discovers an old map in his late father's belongings. What begins as a lighthearted treasure hunt soon turns into something far more personal—an unexpected journey into family secrets buried beneath the sands of time.

9. März 2026 - Die blaue Katze: When Emma rescues a strange blue-shimmering cat from a tree, her life quietly begins to change. But it's only when an old man reveals the truth about Luna that Emma starts to understand the magic she has welcomed into her home.

16. März 2026 - In der Kneipe "Zur Alten Zeit": After a long day on a business trip, Simon stumbles upon an old-fashioned tavern where time seems to have stopped and where phones don't work. At first, he feels uneasy without his constant connection to the digital world, but as the night unfolds, he discovers the strange peace of being truly present.