

## FRANK SCHÄTZING



### One of Germany's most successful Authors

Frank Schätzing is one of the best-known contemporary German authors. His novels captivate millions of readers far beyond the borders of the German-speaking world. His particular strength lies in transforming scientific, technological and social developments into gripping stories and explaining complex issues in a way that is understandable, exciting and accessible.

After studying communication studies, Schätzing initially worked as a copywriter and later as a creative director in the advertising industry. Together with partners, he founded the Cologne-based agency Intevi. In the early 1990s, he increasingly turned his attention to writing. His first major success came with the historical novel *Tod und Teufel*. The book evolved from a regional insider's tip into a nationwide bestseller and laid the foundation for his career as a writer.

Following further publications, *Lautlos* (Silent) was released, a political thriller that addressed current social and political developments. However, Frank Schätzing's international breakthrough came with *Der Schwarm* (The Swarm). The novel, about a previously unknown intelligent life form from the depths of the oceans, became a global bestseller, was published in 27 languages and reached a total print run of more than 4.5 million copies.

With his blend of scientific research, social analysis and narrative suspense, Schätzing has set new standards in the German-language thriller genre.

He has received numerous awards for his work, including the Corine Prize, the German Science Fiction Prize, the Goldene Feder and the German Crime Fiction Prize.

As a speaker, too, Frank Schätzing knows how to captivate his audience. He speaks on the big questions of our time, ranging from technological upheavals and artificial intelligence to climate, energy and future scenarios. With an analytical eye, thorough research and a talent for storytelling, he makes even complex developments accessible and opens up new perspectives on the challenges of the present day.

#### Publications (Selection):

- *Limit*, 2017
- *The Swarm: A Novel of the Deep*, 2012
- *Death and the Devil*, 2010