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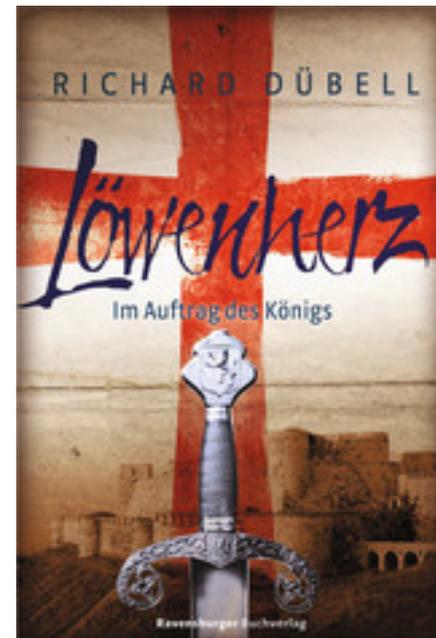
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While searching for their father, who has disappeared in the Holy Land, siblings Edith and Robert become involved in the commotion of the Third Crusade and have to overcome thieves, treacherous knights and the warriors of the sultan Saladin. But they have a powerful ally: the young king Richard Lionheart.

- Bestselling author Richard Dübell is now also writing novels for teens
- Dübell's novels have been translated into 14 languages so far.



CONTENT

England, 1189: Siblings Edith and Robert de Kyme are in trouble. Their father has disappeared and their mother wants to have him declared dead so that she can marry her lover, a Norman nobleman. According to her plan, Edith will be forced to marry a minion and Robert will join a monastery as a monk. The sister and brother appeal to the young King Richard for help and learn that their father has been captured in the Holy Land by the pirate and robber baron Raynald of Chatillon. Edith and Robert set off for Marseille, where they board a ship headed for Palestine. When the pair reach Kerak Castle, where their father is being held prisoner, the castle is under siege by Sultan Saladin. In the chaos of the battle, Robert manages to find a way into the castle, but his father is already gone: he managed to flee from the dungeon and has gone into hiding, living with Bedouins. In the meantime, Edith hides outside the castle, but is captured by Saladin's soldiers. King Richard has also reached Kerak by now and is able to free the girl, thereby earning the sultan's respect. When Saladin storms the castle, Robert is able to flee through a secret passageway. In the end, the siblings are reunited with their father, whom they had thought was lost to them forever. They plan to return to England, while Richard has to stay and fight a man who almost became his friend: Sultan

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THE AUTHOR

Richard Dübell, born in 1962, writes historical novels for teens and adults as well as film scripts, and has been celebrated for his cultural achievements by his hometown, Landshut, Germany. Dübell's novels have been translated into fourteen languages worldwide. His ironic writing style, the plethora of unexpected twists and turns in his stories, and vivid, lifelike characters are his trademarks, as well as his multimedia book presentations in which video, music and sounds are combined with Dübell's comic flair to turn them into literary events. Richard Dübell is married, has two sons and a cat, and lives near his hometown of Landshut.

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