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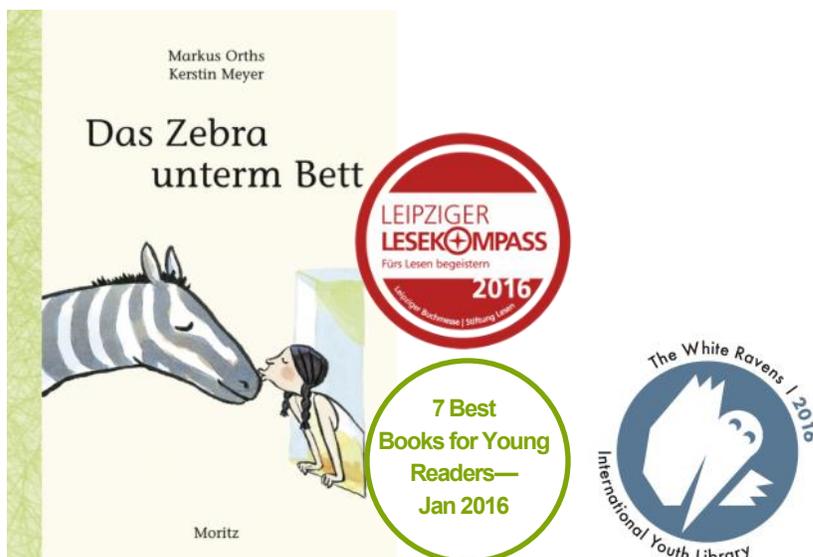
Kerstin Meyer, born in Wedel in 1966, already drew for animated cartoon productions during her studies of illustration in Hamburg. She has illustrated many books for various publishers since then. She also likes travelling and spending time in her garden.

Leipzig Reading Compass Jury:

"A wonderful story about friendship—to fall in love with, to laugh and to reflect!"

Sales points

- Funny and profound
- Topics: friendship, school, diversity, discrimination, LGBT parenting



MARKUS ORTHS & KERSTIN MEYER

The Zebra Under the Bed

One morning there is a zebra under Hanna's bed. A living zebra! Just like that. Hanna has only recently moved into the area with her two dads, so she is happy when Browninger—that's the zebra's name—comes along to school with her. A zebra in the classroom? Impossible! But as Browninger is darned good at writing, calculating and gymnastics, he is allowed to stay. At least to start with. The children will never forget this school day: imagine learning how to write on Browninger's stripes! Leap-frogging over his back! A dream of a gymnastics lesson!

But all of a sudden the door opens and two zoo keepers come in and lead Browninger away. What is Hanna to do now?

REVIEWS

"A funny book against prejudices, a book that captures your interest in the unknown." - *Der Tages-Spiegel*

"Great characters, super dialogues and marvellous illustrations: seldom has a Book handled the topic of being different In as graceful a way." - *White Ravens*

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