SERIES OVERVIEW

Carl Stülpner in 24 Children's Books

Chronologically from His Birth to the Last Winter

The series is not a collection of 24 unrelated adventures. Each volume presents a distinct stage in Carl's life and shows which experiences, people and decisions shaped him. Volume 24 brings the series to a quiet close as a special Christmas volume.

The Series Concept

- 24 children's books following one another chronologically.
- Each volume has its own adventure and its own learning moment.
- History, family, nature, animals and values become visible through the story.
- For reading aloud to ages 4–10 and independent reading for ages 7–11.
- A separate adult volume, Legende und Wirklichkeit, is also being developed.

Volume 01 opens Carl's world. Volume 02 explains why Carl became the person he did. Volume 03 shows where his knowledge of the forest and animals came from. The following volumes then lead step by step through the rest of his life.

Volumes 01 to 06

01 — Der kleine Carl im Rauch der Husaren

30 Sep 1762; framing motif through 1769 · Carl about 0 years old · Scharfenstein; house at Gänsewinkel

Black Hussars force Carl's mother to show them the way to Zschopau. When she returns, the room is full of smoke and little Carl is struggling to breathe.

02 — Winter der Teuerung – Carl und der Schweinetrog-Pirat

Winter 1771/72 · Carl about 9 years old · Ore Mountains (Pockau; Scharfenstein area)

Hard winters in the Ore Mountains: bread becomes scarce and rising prices weigh on everyone. While the adults talk about shortages, Carl explores the forest and turns an old pig trough into a 'ship'.

03 — Der Förster und der Junge, der alles sehen wollte

1773, spring/summer · Carl about 11 years old · Ehrenfriedersdorf; surrounding forests

Carl is allowed to accompany forester Müller, learns to read tracks, recognise animal calls and understand the forest as a living environment. Strups trots curiously ahead, sniffing, warning and sharing Carl's amazement.

04 — Der Schrotschuss und Strups' großer Mut

1778, late summer/autumn · Carl about 16 years old · Ore Mountain forest around Scharfenstein

During a secret excursion through the forest, Carl is surprised by a forester. A shotgun blast grazes him, but Strups helps the injured Carl find his way home.

05 — Carl auf großer Wanderschaft – Von Sachsen bis in die Schweiz

1784, throughout the year · Carl about 22 years old · Bohemia; Austria; Switzerland; northern Germany (Hanover region)

As a young man, Carl sets out into the wider world: he works, serves and helps wherever hands are needed. He sees Bohemia, Austria, Switzerland and northern Germany.

06 — Das Mädchen von der Holzbrücke – Christiane und Carl

1785, spring/early summer · Carl about 23 years old · Scharfenstein; Zschopau bridge

At the wooden bridge over the Zschopau, Carl meets the brave and clever Hanne Christiane Wolf. She is curious and direct – and is not intimidated by Carl's reputation.

Volumes 07 to 12

07 — **Der Hirsch aus Ungarn – Freundschaft ohne Grenzen**

1785, summer/early autumn · Carl about 23 years old · Hungarian forest region (literary setting)

In a foreign land, Carl encounters a mighty stag and a Hungarian gentleman who values his skill with a gun. Language barriers and unfamiliar customs stand between them – but nature connects.

08 — **Die Schlittenfahrt mit dem Mann, der alles besser wusste**

1790, winter · Carl about 28 years old · Ore Mountains; winter road towards town

In a deeply snow-covered winter, Carl shares a sleigh with a learned gentleman. The man boasts about 'that dangerous Stülpner' – unaware that Stülpner is sitting right beside him.

09 — **Der Kampf am Griessbacher Felsen – Carl schützt sein Dorf**

1794, summer/late summer · Carl about 32 years old · Griessbach; rocky area

Looters threaten the people around Griessbach. Carl faces them with courage, clever tricks and Strups at his side, showing that those who protect others do not stand alone.

10 — **Die Räucherkammer am Bockgut – Strups rettet den Tag**

1794, autumn/early winter · Carl about 32 years old · Großolbersdorf; Bockgut

Hunters and soldiers search a farm to capture Carl. He hides with Strups in a dark smokehouse.

11 — **Der neue Korb für das Holzweiblein**

1794, late autumn · Carl about 32 years old · Ore Mountain forest near Scharfenstein

An elderly woman gathering brushwood in the forest is harshly confronted by the forester and her only basket is broken. Carl and Strups cannot simply watch: they find her a new basket, help her gather wood and restore a small measure of dignity.

12 — **Der verlorene Postillion – Strups spürt die Gefahr**

1795, autumn · Carl about 33 years old · Heinze-Bank between Marienberg and Zschopau

A postillion is carrying a valuable load and fears robbers. Strups scents danger in the forest before anyone can see it.

Volumes 13 to 18

13 **Die Belagerung von Scharfenstein – Carl bleibt standhaft**

1795, early November · Carl about 33 years old · Scharfenstein and surrounding area

On a pitch-black night of storm and rain, soldiers, forestry officials and civil servants march to Scharfenstein. Carl's house is searched and his mother is treated badly.

14 **Die Wildschützen vom Dunkelwald – Ein stiller Vertrag**

1796, late summer/autumn · Ore Mountains (Dunkelwald area between Saxony and Bohemia)

Wild game strips the farmers' fields bare, yet hunting is reserved for the lords. Carl and his companions secretly help: they shoot enough game to save the harvests and share meat with the poor.

15 **Der Ritt auf dem König der Wälder – Flucht über die Zschopau**

1796, autumn · Carl about 34 years old · border region between the Ore Mountains and Bohemia

During a great driven hunt, every escape route seems blocked. At the last second, a mighty stag bursts from the thicket.

16 **Die sieben Jäger – Strups und der große Streich**

1796, late autumn · Carl about 34 years old · Rätzer sawmill; road to Bohemia

Seven hunters encounter Carl and his friends carrying venison in sacks. In the end, fear makes the hunters carry Carl's sacks all the way to Bohemia themselves – while Strups adds to the confusion in the background.

17 **Der Schneider in der Zschopau – Lachen gewinnt**

1797, early summer · Carl about 35 years old · Wolkenstein / Zschopau

Volunteer marksmen, led by a small tailor, want to capture Carl. Out of fear, the tailor refuses to cross the Zschopau.

18 **Christianes Mut – Flucht nach Böhmen**

1807, autumn · Carl about 45 years old · Scharfenstein → Bohemia (Pressnitz area)

Christiane learns of a new attempt to seize Carl. She warns him – and decides to go with him to Bohemia.

Volumes 19 to 24

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Die Schenke im Grenzwald – Ein neues Zuhause

1808, winter / throughout the year · Carl about 46 years old · Bohemia (border forest, Sobětice / St. Christophhammer)

At an inn near the forest, the family finds a new centre of life. Guests come and go, stories are told and goods are carried across the border.

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Eleonore – Das Licht in Carls Leben

1810, spring/summer · Carl about 48 years old · the family's home in Bohemia

Eleonore is Carl's greatest joy. He shows her the forest, tells her stories from earlier days and tries to give her a better life than the one he himself had.

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Zwischen Napoleon und dem Frieden des Kurfürsten

1813, winter → spring · Carl about 51 years old · German lands (Saxony; other regions crossed by troops)

Europe is shaken: Napoleon's name is heard everywhere and soldiers march across the lands. Carl, too, is called into service once more.

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Der ungarische Husar – Freundschaft im Sturm

1813, autumn/winter · Carl about 51 years old · Griessbach; Scharfenstein region

Hussars loot and villages are afraid. But a Hungarian Hussar NCO stands on Carl's side.

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Das verbotene Buch – Carl kämpft für die Wahrheit

August/autumn 1835 · Carl about 73 years old · Leipzig; Saxon towns

A writer records Carl's story. The book is banned and copies are confiscated.

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Der letzte Winter – Ein Weihnachtsmärchen aus Scharfenstein

Winter/Christmas 1840 (special volume) · Carl about 78 years old · Scharfenstein

Carl has grown old. He is living in the Ore Mountains again, and people bring him firewood, bread and their time.