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When Bread Became Scarce

Volume 02 of "Carl & Strups" tells how hunger and rising prices formed part of Carl Stülpner's childhood world.

The Ore Mountains, early 1770s: the weather turns against the harvest, crops fail and grain becomes scarce. Bread, an everyday necessity, becomes increasingly difficult for many families to afford. This is the world in which Carl Stülpner grows up.

The second volume of the "Carl & Strups" children's series is titled "Winter der Teuerung – Carl und der Schweinetrog-Pirat". After Volume 01, which shows Carl's early childhood in the aftermath of the Seven Years' War, the focus now shifts to another historical experience: the years of dearth and hunger around 1770 to 1772.

Historical sources report failed harvests, sharply rising grain and bread prices, emergency foods, disease and migration. The children's series does not explain this crisis from a distance – it shows it close to a boy's everyday life. What does it mean when adults suddenly keep talking about bread? When stores run low? When people want to help while barely having enough themselves?

Volume 02 therefore continues the series' central principle: history is not retrospectively built around Carl. The starting point is his real lifetime, documented events and the landscape of the Ore Mountains. Where sources fall silent, narrative construction is used – and the companion website clearly marks what is historical, traditional or artistic.

The series also shows that in difficult times almost everyone is struggling. Compassion begins with understanding another person's situation. That is why Volume 02 is not only about hunger, but also about help, family, fairness and how a child responds to a world he cannot change by himself.

The historical timeline at carlstuelpner.de adds a second layer to the books: Carl's life chronology appears alongside the history of his time and of the Ore Mountains. Families, children, history enthusiasts, teachers, booksellers and the press each have their own access points and materials.

Volume 03 continues the journey with forester Müller. The Greifensteine become a central setting as Carl's world grows larger.

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