Sources and References for Volume 02

Working basis for editorial teams and journalistic context.

Principal historical source

Pietzonka (2006), account of Carl Stülpner. For Volume 02, the sections on Carl's childhood and the years of rising prices and hunger are particularly relevant.

Information relevant to Volume 02

- Bad weather and failed harvests worsened food supply from 1770–1772.
- 1771: mild winter, early ploughing, renewed snow in May and prolonged rain into August.
- July 1771: one Scheffel of rye is given as 10 talers.
- January 1772: one Scheffel of rye 12 talers; a 7-pound loaf 8 groschen 3 pfennigs.
- June 1772: rye 13 talers 15 groschen; wheat 14 talers; barley 10 talers; oats 6 talers; bread over 10 groschen.
- In January 1772, Bohemia blocked grain exports to Saxony.
- Emergency foods described include field greens, stalks, grass, tree bark and roots.
- Sources subsequently report disease, high mortality and migration.

Carl and his family

Carl was a child during the crisis. There is no securely documented date of death for his father. Pietzonka considers a death during the famine highly probable. This should therefore not be reported as a precisely dated historical fact.

Project markers

● HISTORICAL = supported by sources · ○ TRADITIONAL / PROBABLE = not fully secured · ✦ ARTISTIC = shaped for the narrative.

Note for editorial teams

Specific dialogue, Carl's thoughts and individual plot scenes in the children's book are narrative constructions. Historical crisis data should not automatically be treated as evidence for every specific scene in the book.

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