

## PRESS RELEASE

### PIPER Verlag will publish **Peck & Peck**, the new novel from global bestselling author **Bonnie Garmus**

On **October 27, 2026**, »Peck & Peck«, the long-awaited **new novel** from global bestselling author **Bonnie Garmus**, will be published by Piper Verlag. In addition to the **German-language rights**, PIPER Verlag has also secured the **exclusive European English-language rights** (print, e-book and audio).\*

In 2022, Bonnie Garmus captivated the international book market with her debut novel »**Lessons in Chemistry**«, which has topped bestseller lists for months, and to date has sold more than 1.2 million copies across all formats in the German-language market alone.

\* excluding Ireland

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### About the book

Batter Gray is worried about his future. Even when he was eleven, his classmates seemed to have settled on a goal: doctor, lawyer, broker, engineer. Good jobs that automatically command respect and security. Now Batter is in his early 20s, living in New York City, and he wants something different; something that alienates some people and bores most. Poetry. And yet—to him and exactly thirty-nine editors at a company called Peck & Peck—poetry not only represents the power of humanity but holds the key to its survival. Batter was named after his mother's dog, who seemed to have achieved more in his short years on earth than he ever will. But as an identical twin who lost his brother at birth, Batter finds himself confronted by the everyday dualities that make up life: right vs. wrong, truth vs. lies, rejection vs. acceptance. It's almost as if his dead brother is a reminder: there are always two sides to every story. No, wait. Make that three.

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### Blurbs

#### Bonnie Garmus

»At a time when AI threatens to bury the creative industry, going into the Arts seems especially risky. But the truth is, we need the Arts and artists more than ever. ›Peck & Peck‹ is all about the unsung heroes who create, who originate, who think, but it is also about those who protect and promote this work – in a word: editors.«

## PIPER publisher Felicitas von Lovenberg

»We are absolutely thrilled that, following ›Lessons in Chemistry‹, we are now also able to publish Bonnie Garmus's magnificent second novel. Once again, she has created a one-of-a-kind hero whose extraordinary story reminds us what truly matters—in art as in life. That we can offer ›Peck & Peck‹ not only in Ulrike Wasel and Klaus Timmermann's German translation, but also, at the same time, exclusively in the English original throughout the German-speaking market and within the EU\*, is a strong and important signal at a time when more and more readers are eager to turn to the original language.«

\* excluding Ireland

## Literary agent Felicity Blunt, Curtis Brown

»This is a dazzling extraordinary novel that, on finishing, will leave you cherishing and determined to safeguard all that is brilliant and original to humankind. There are sentences from this book that will stay with me forever. I am so excited for Piper to bring ›Peck & Peck‹ to the world.«

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**International licensing negotiations** in other territories are currently getting underway; the rights have already been sold to the UK & Commonwealth (Manilla Press / Bonnier UK), the USA (Scribner), Canada (Simon & Schuster), France (Laffont), Italy (Rizzoli), Spain (Planeta - Seix Barral), Sweden (Wahlström & Widstrand, Bonnier) and the Netherlands (Meulenhoff Boekerij).

A **reading tour** for the German-speaking market is currently in the works.

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## The Author

Bonnie Garmus is an American novelist. Her debut novel, »Lessons in Chemistry«, is among the most widely read novels in Germany in the past ten years. A global bestseller, it was named by *New York Times* readers as one of the top 100 books of the 21st Century and has been honoured with sixteen international literary awards, including the »British Book Awards Author of the Year«, »Waterstones Author of the Year«, »Hay Festival's Book of the Year«, and »Lieblingsbuch der Unabhängigen«. Translated in more than forty languages, the novel has been adapted for the screen for Apple TV, and was selected by Queen Camilla for The Queen's Reading Room – an honour bestowed on only a small number of authors.

»Peck & Peck« is her second novel.

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