

## Press Release

# “Lives in Chemistry” Book Series Wins Gold Medal

Berlin, June 20, 2022

The “Lives in Chemistry” book series is now recognized as one of “The Best German Book Designs 2022”.

At an award ceremony on June 13, 2022 in Berlin, Katharina Hesse, CEO of the Stiftung Buchkunst (“Book Art Foundation”) presented the 25 of “The Best German Book Designs” with five books in each of five categories ranging from fiction to children’s books. 645 titles were submitted, and the “Lives in Chemistry” series received a gold medal in the reference & text books category. It can now be nominated for the international “Best Book Design From All Over The World” competition. The foundation critically monitors book production and awards books exemplary in design, conception, and workmanship every year. All winners will be exhibited at the Book Fairs in Frankfurt and Leipzig.

Two juries selected the most innovative book designs in an elaborate process, and 14 jurors spent seven days discussing. The awarded books demonstrate the range of design and manufacturing. “I had great fun being part of the jury. The quality of all titles was exceptional. You simply notice that standard solutions don’t get you very far anymore,” says juror Stephanie Ising, summing up this year’s jury work.

The autobiography series “Lives in Chemistry” is conceived as a tribute to outstanding scientists, describes their route to success, aims to inspire in particular young people in particular. Behind the series is a prominent Advisory Board of the History of Chemistry division of the German Chemical Society (GDCh) and the outstanding book designer Andreas Toepfer, well-known in the international book world. Without the sponsor Karl Reuter, CEO of Reuter Chemische Apparatebau RCA e.K. Freiburg, Germany, the autobiographies would not have come into being. And without Eva E. Wille, member of the Advisory Board and spiritus rector of the design of the series, the brand “Lives in Chemistry” would not have been created.

This September, two new additions to the series by Stephen Kent, USA, and Dieter Oesterhelt, Germany, will be published, both of whom have had fundamental impact on contemporary biochemistry. The publisher, the authors, the Advisory Board, the entire team are delighted to have received this prestigious gold medal. It motivates them to continue this series in this form, with its outstanding content and elaborate technical design. It demonstrates also the impact that chemistry has on our society.

We will be happy to provide you with further information, please contact us and request a review copy:

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## Lives in Chemistry

The autobiographical series "Lives in Chemistry" provides insights into the lives and thoughts of outstanding research scientists in the context of the times they lived in. What role does the continuous sequence of hypothesis, experiment, and interpretation play in top chemical research? What is the role of impulses from mentors, students, colleagues, and competitors? Successful scientists describe authentically and in a very personal way how innovation is created.



## Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh)

With around 30,000 members from science, industry and the liberal professions, the German Chemical Society GDCh represents a large, professionally and socially relevant community. Its more than 150-years history, worldwide networking and high scientific and social standards form the basis for its creative activities in the interest of a sustainable world worth living in.

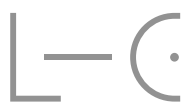


## GNT-Verlag

Founded in 1990, GNT is looking forward to the next 30 years of publishing reference books in the fields of history of science and technology with focus on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century. Outstanding publications include editions like the scientific correspondence of Arnold Sommerfeld, biographies such as of Otto Hahn or James Franck, actual topics like modern atmospheric chemistry or nuclear R&D, and regional studies such as physics and optics in Jena or chemistry in Halle.

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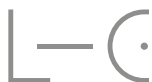


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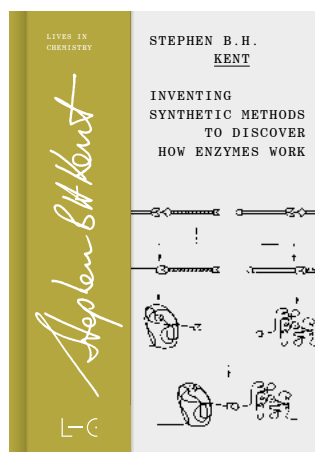
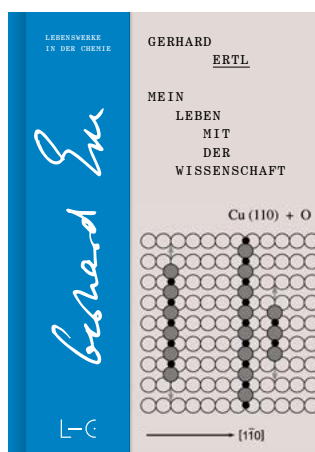
(Selection, more on request)



Impressions of the first jury  
(above)  
*Picture: Stiftung Buchkunst,  
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Impressions of the day 2  
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Covers of all autobiographies 2021 (top row) and forthcoming titles in September 2022 (left)

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Katharina Hesse, CEO Stiftung Buchkunst, presents the winners

From left: Carsten Reinhardt, University Bielefeld, Chairman of the Advisory Board, next to the publishers Ralf Hahn and Martin Barth (GNT-Verlag)



“ocelot,” not just another bookstore, the place of the award ceremony, Berlin-Mitte

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