

Biography Monica Cantieni

The author Monica Cantieni (*1965) lives in Wettingen, Switzerland. She publishes novels and short stories.

Her novel «Grünschnabel», published by Schöffling & Co, Frankfurt a. Main, was nominated for the Swiss Book Prize in 2011 and - in its English translation «The Encyclopedia of good Reasons» by Seagull Books, Kolkata-London-Chicago - for the First Book Award at the Edinburgh International Book Festival (UK, 2015). The novel has been translated into six languages.

Her first book for young adults, "Zwischen Leben", was published by da bux in 2023. It has been translated into Bangla and Marathi.

Further more Monica Cantieni built up the online platform of the culture department for SRF Swiss Radio and Television and managed it until 2017. She won the German Grimme Online Award for the film platform "frischfilm" developed for SRF.

She completed her Master of Arts in Digital Management in London in 2020 and founded ALPHABET LAB in 2021, a service that helps cultural institutions digitize and sharpen their offerings and develops and implements innovative storytelling and learning formats for schools. Locally, throughout Switzerland and internationally, for example for the Goethe-Institute South Asia, for which she regularly works as a storytelling expert. Diversity and a sense of community in (internationally) mixed contexts is her daily bread.

Together with Bettina Spoerri, she is the founder of the national project «MENSCH SEIN | BEING HUMAN, writers against hate» and is part of Creative Climate Leadership, a network of over 200 members worldwide, initiated by Julie's Bicycle, in Switzerland supported by vert le future, PRO HELVETIA and Mercator Stiftung Schweiz.

She is currently working on her new novel.