

The Peppercorns¹



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Epic adventures and curious crimes – the dauntless Peppercorns pool their wits to solve every challenge in their path!

Information

Original title: Die Pfefferkörner

Genre: Children | Live Action

Format: 21 Seasons x 13 x 27'

Year of production: Ongoing

Country of origin: Germany

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Good to know...



Nominated for
**International Emmy
Kids Award** 2019.

Core target group:

Children, aged 8-12.

Secondary target group:

Older children and teenagers who are passionate about thrilling mysteries and adventures.

Strong Bonds of Friendship:

Showcases the
unbreakable bonds of friendship among a group of young detectives emphasizing the **value of trust, support**, and **loyalty** in their adventures.



"I believe that the series also shows children the importance of standing up for others and fighting for justice."

Jana Matthes, screenwriter of 'Peppercorns'

High
educational value:



teaches
young viewers
important skills such as

critical thinking
problem-solving
and **teamwork.**

On air
since 1999...

...one of the
**longest-running
children's
television series**
in Germany.



**Enduring
popularity** and
relevance.

Series Synopsis

Young, smart and inquisitive : The Peppercorns!

The Peppercorns are a group of teenage friends who fight crime and injustice from their headquarters in a Hamburg warehouse. Whether it's stolen artwork, extortion or kidnapping, the friends do everything in their power to solve the case at hand and bring the perpetrators to justice. In the process, they have to use their detective skills and overcome all kinds of obstacles. They often put their own safety at risk and have to deal with unexpected twists that make their lives that little bit harder. As well as combating crime, the Peppercorns find themselves facing up to a whole host of personal conflicts and challenges that teach them important lessons about friendship, cooperation and responsibility.



Recurring Locations



Cast



The cast of season 17.



The cast of season 18.



The cast of season 19 and 20.

The cast of "The Peppercorns" **regularly changes** to provide a **dynamic and thrilling viewing experience**. This strategy **keeps the series engaging** while continuously **appealing to its target audience**, thereby securing its **longevity**.



Season 17

Synopsis

A new generation takes charge in Hamburg's Speicherstadt: The new Peppercorns dive into investigations!

Tarun, a brilliant inventor, upgrades the headquarters for the next decade. Clarissa, the spirited quick thinker, recklessly ventures solo. Jonny, a passionate BMX racer, has a knack for secrets. Fearless helper Lou abhors injustices. Her sister Pippa, paralyzed, investigates alongside her friends. The team faces a puzzling case: Did an elderly woman overdose or was she poisoned? They also uncover illegal trade of an ancient African throne and fall victim to a hacker attack, all during a wheelchair navigation system presentation.



Cast

Pippa



Pippa possesses the remarkable ability to inspire others and ask the right - especially critical - questions.

Since a car accident six years ago left her paralyzed, she's wheelchair-bound. However, she abhors pity and refuses protection. Even when her past catches up with her and everything goes awry, she remains resilient. Fortunately, Jet, a compassionate and intriguing Peppercorn, joins the team!

Lou



Lou is Pippa's twin sister and bears a striking resemblance to her. She's assertive, proficient in first aid, and enjoys styling herself according to London's latest trends. Fearless and outgoing, Lou excels in acting and persuasion, though her confidence may occasionally clash with others. Beneath her extroverted façade lies a sensitive girl willing to sacrifice anything for her mother and sister's happiness.

Jonny



Jonny's passion is BMX racing, training five times a week on the track. His biggest fan is his younger sister Clarissa. It's only when Jonny starts school that his dyslexia becomes apparent. Analyzed, diagnosed, and bullied by classmates. The Peppercorns eventually discover his secret, raising the question: Is Jonny still fit to be a Peppercorn if he can't read properly when it matters most?

Clarissa



Clarissa is a confident bundle of energy: petite, lively, witty, and articulate. Remarkably intelligent, she grasps concepts faster than the adults.

Her memory is like a hard drive, accessing information at lightning speed. Dreaming of becoming a detective, she'd be the ideal Peppercorn—if only she weren't so headstrong and prone to risky solo ventures.

Tarun



Tarun was born in Mumbai and spent his early years in the bustling Indian metropolis.

This highly intelligent boy possesses a strong pioneering and inventive spirit. Recently, Tarun introduced his self-constructed robot to the headquarters, capable of communication, identification, analysis, and perhaps soon, even serving drinks.



Impressions...



Season 18



Synopsis

Twin sisters Lou & Pippa are joined by Rafa, Jet, and Milan. Before the newcomers unite, the sisters, along with Jonny and Clarissa, tackle two final mysterious cases. Among them, Lou's classmate Tali falls victim to antisemitism, marked with a David star and a thrown Stolperstein. The Peppercorns rally to her aid.

Lou and Pippa soon seek a new headquarters. Rafa's attic would be perfect, but he adamantly refuses. When his mother's laptop, containing his biology assignment, is stolen, the tables turn. Agreeing to help retrieve the laptop, Lou and Pippa move to Rafa and his best friend Jet's attic during the day.



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Rafa



Rafa initially has exclusive use of the headquarters owned by his family. He and his best friend Jet enjoy chilling on the couch, playing video games. He's reluctant to share until Lou enters the scene and captivates him.

Though stubborn, Rafa is dependable, brave, and athletically quick. He can be sensitive, especially regarding his father and eventually Lou.

Milan



Milan is Rafa's younger brother and quite a handful for their parents. He adores animals and photography - a risky combination when encountering fascinating insects and creatures on the way to school.

Yet, Milan is a stellar Peppercorn: sharp-eyed, brave, thorough in research, and adept at crafting white lies without offense.

Jet



Jet is Rafa's best friend and the son of Cam Ly, a Vietnamese woman who runs a small tailor shop.

Jet is a true computer whiz, coding apps, and serving as the voice of reason among the Peppercorns. Typically neutral, he gathers facts before making decisions. Yet, there are moments when Jet becomes impulsive, especially when it concerns his mother's safety or unjust treatment towards himself or his friends.



Impressions...





Season 19 and 20

Synopsis

New Faces in the Headquarters: The 13th Generation of the "Peppercorns" Takes Over!

Their first case involves a missing, multimillion-dollar gold treasure. They also encounter cocaine smugglers, ruthless business moguls, identity fraudsters, the bicycle mafia, compulsive gamblers, marijuana cultivators, and product pirates. When Moritz goes missing during his run through the upscale neighborhood, all the Peppercorns are on edge. Amy sends out a call for help to all former Peppercorns. There's an unexpected reunion with the 10th generation, aka Kira, Nele, Levin, Tayo, and Femi, and together they follow the trail through the upscale neighborhood to a remote airfield. Additionally, they face the Eulenspiegel Gang, a multi-day power outage, and ruthless gangsters involved in burglary and kidnapping.



Cast

Amy

Amy, the youngest member of the Peppercorns, has been hearing-impaired since the age of 4, but that doesn't stop her from being a cheery soul – as well as a talented profiler.

With her keen skills of observation and emotional intelligence, she is always quick to spot subtle changes in other people's behaviour.

Moritz

Moritz has plenty of confidence and is convinced that he's always right, which can lead to conflict with the people around him.

He has a younger sister, Amy, who is partially deaf, but Moritz knows sign language and helps her communicate with others when needed.

Hakim

Hakim is a calm, introverted, inquisitive kid with a passion for science. He goes over crime scenes with a fine toothcomb, analysing everything he finds.

Hakim was four years old when his family fled Syria. His greatest wish is that his father will soon be able to travel over from Syria, so that Hakim can be part of one big happy family again.

Leonie

Leonie runs away from home to get away from her depressed mother, and decides to spend the summer living in an old attic. Her tough, self-assured exterior conceals her inner vulnerability. Things get complicated when Moritz and Amy discover her hideout and decide to use it as the Peppercorns headquarters. However, Leonie soon teams up with the gang and takes the Peppercorns oath.

Jasina

Jasina is an open-minded, sociable girl with a great imagination. She is a good listener and her natural empathy, coupled with her experience as a student mediator, means that she knows how to resolve conflicts. She is also brave, but never foolhardy.

She barely remembers the family's escape from Syria, and prefers to focus on her life in Hamburg rather than dwell on the past.



Impressions...



A promotional image for the TV show 'Peppercorns'. It features two young men in a workshop-like setting. They are both wearing white lab coats over their regular clothes and clear safety goggles. They are looking intently at a device or screen in front of them. The background is filled with various electronic components, wires, and blue LED lights, creating a tech-savvy atmosphere. The lighting is dim, with the primary light sources being the blue LEDs and a warm light from the right.

Season 1 - 21

available

For more than 20 years, the Peppercorns have been entertaining generations of viewers with a blend of gripping crimes and current issues.

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