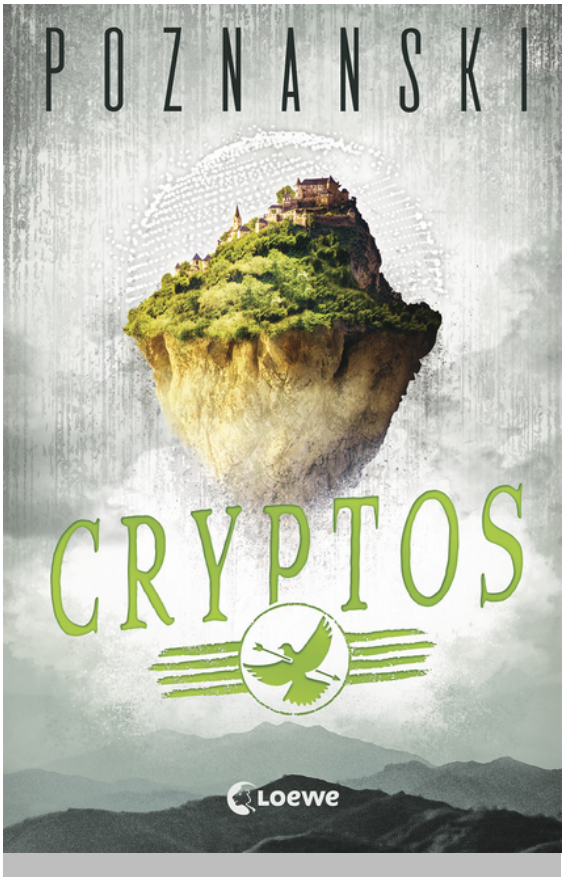

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		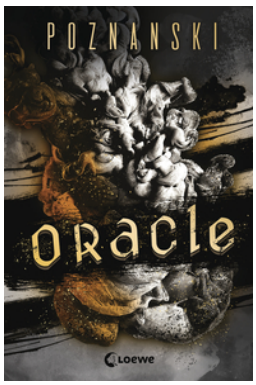
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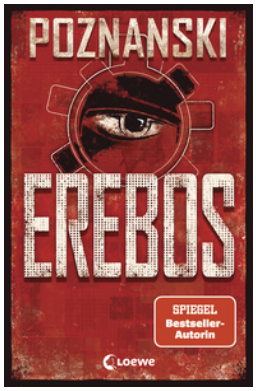
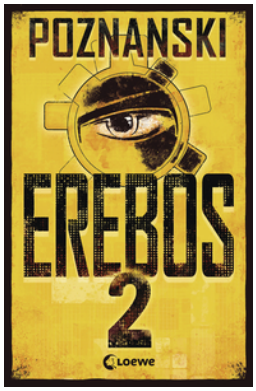
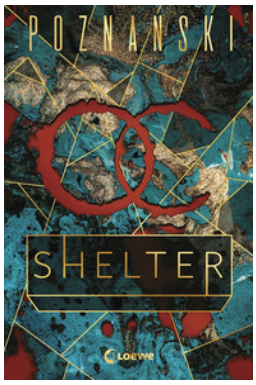
 Erebos	 Erebos 2	 Number Universe
 Shelter	 Letter Jungle	

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