

**Ludwig Lugmeier**  
**The Man Who Jumped Out of  
the Window**

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Having read the life story of Jack Bilbo, who at his age was already Al Capones bodyguard, the fifteen-year-old Ludwig Lugmeier robs the village store of his hometown in southern Germany. His first spell in prison does nothing to dampen his desire for adventure. He escapes, tries to sign up to the Mafia, robs a bank and is caught on the run in London. In 1973, just after his release, he and his accomplices commit the biggest bank robbery of German post-war history. He meets Ronald Biggs, has a relationship with the daughter of a bank director and wants to buy a hotel. But he is apprehended in Mexico. On trial in Germany, Lugmeier escapes by jumping spectacularly from the courtroom window. Fame is finally his and means that the fugitive, is recognised in Reykjavik and extradited to Germany. His sentence this time is twelve years in a top-security wing. And it is in prison that Ludwig Lugmeier embarks upon his second career as a writer.



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