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# ALESSIO ARENA

**ALESSIO ARENA IS A WRITER AND SINGER-SONGWRITER,  
AND HE HAS LIVED IN BARCELONA FOR MORE THAN 12 YEARS**

«Arena is one of the most interesting literary talents of his generation.»  
*Il Mattino*

«An incendiary and melodious prose.»  
*la Repubblica*

Alessio Arena was born in Naples in 1984 and he lives in Barcelona. He is a singer-songwriter, guitarist, writer and translator.

With his debut novel, *L'infanzia delle cose*, he won "Giuseppe Giusti Opera Prima" award.

He translated to Italian Alejandro Palomas' novels *Una madre* and *Un hijo* (both published in Italy by Neri Pozza).

His latest record, *Atacama!*, was recorded in Chile, Spain and Italy, and his latest musical show, *Nana de las moscas*, is based on his new novel *Ninna nanna delle mosche (Flies' Lullaby)*.

His website is [www.alessioarena.com](http://www.alessioarena.com)

His titles:

- 2021: *Ninna nanna delle mosche*, Italy (Fandango)
- 2018: *La notte non vuole venire*, Italy (Fandango)
- 2014: *La letteratura tamil a Napoli*, Italy (Neri Pozza)
- 2010: *Il mio cuore è un mandarino acerbo*, Italy (Zona)
- 2009: *L'infanzia delle cose*, Italy (Manni)



# ALESSIO ARENA

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Original Publisher:  
**FANDANGO**

Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 250

Release: Sep 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World



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SPANISH SAMPLE!

"I had a dream.  
It was your smell,  
it was your blood."

## NINNA NANNA DELLE MOSCHE *Flies' Lullaby*

Alessio Arena knows how to talk about love like few others do. He strikes once again with his "Latin-Neapolitan magic realism", thanks to a story that crosses oceans and shows how romance can really last a lifetime.

«Two men, one in Italy and the other one in Chile,  
and an entire ocean as an obstacle to their love.  
A passionate, eccentric and ambitious novel.»

*La Lettura - Corriere della Sera*

«A love story that is also a powerful social  
criticism, as if it was a song by Violeta Parra.»

*La Repubblica*

«An enchanted journey to the South of the world.»

*Il Corriere del Mezzogiorno*

Since May 2021,  
Arena is touring  
Spain with *Nana  
de las moscas*, a  
recital based on  
*Flies' Lullaby* with  
readings, songs and  
video documentaries.

At the beginning of the 20th century, a community of Italian miners finds a promised land in the north of Chile. They settle in a boundless pampa around the nitre quarries, living off an underground and lethal job, few diversions and alcohol, and a lot of nostalgia.

Gregorio is one of these miners, and his other task is to write letters on behalf of his illiterate companions so that they can keep in touch with their families in Italy. But his own letters addressed to Berto, a young baker, remain unanswered.

In the grips of a never-ending melancholy, Gregorio can't help but wonder what has happened to the boy he fell in love with when they were both living in the south of Italy. And then, one day, everything changes: Berto receives a letter from his forbidden love with a little fly stuck inside the envelope, and he decides to leave all his world behind so that he can be reunited with him.

But his journey to Chile won't be a solitary one, because Berto's wife Serafina — a singer of lullabies whose voice has a sleep-and-love-inducing effect — is going after him, and she will soon be joined by a fascinating crowd of dancing pilgrims, women riding on mule's back across the Andes and a circus of misfits.

A captivating and poetic story about unspeakable desires, *Flies' Lullaby* is a novel that will take its readers to the edge of the world, burning up in the flames of passion and revolution.

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# MARINA DI GUARDO

***DRESS CODE ROSSO SANGUE***  
***(DRESS CODE: BLOOD)***

**A NEW THRILLER BY THE MOTHER OF  
CHIARA FERRAGNI  
SET IN THE FASHION WORLD OF MILAN**

**Published by MONDADORI in October 2021**

**Rights to her novel *La memoria dei corpi*  
(*The Memory of Bodies*) sold to Greece, Poland and Brazil.**

**Movie rights sold to Roman Way Productions (New York) founded by Frank Rainone (filmmaker and producer who worked with Miramax and Weinstein Company) and Teresa Sorkin (producer, writer and ex-journalist for RAI Television).**

**Marina Di Guardo will star in the upcoming Amazon Prime series *The Ferragnez*, available worldwide on December 2021.**

**MORE THAN 600,000 FOLLOWERS ON INSTAGRAM  
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD**

Born in 1961, Marina Di Guardo is the mother of the “Ferragni sisters”: Chiara, Valentina and Francesca. She is a very popular public figure in Italy, constantly appearing on TV shows, magazines and social events.

Her novels have been published by Feltrinelli and Mondadori, with her latest thriller, *Dress Code Rosso Sangue*, published by Mondadori in October 2021.

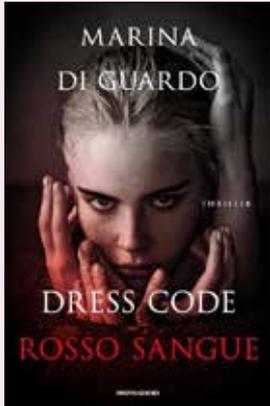
In 2018, together with her daughter Chiara, she has been the global face of Swarovski Summer campaign. Recently, she joined The Blonde Salad team.



# MARINA DI GUARDO

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## DRESS CODE ROSSO SANGUE

*Dress Code: Blood*

**MARINA DI GUARDO PUTS HER LONG-LASTING EXPERIENCE IN THE FASHION INDUSTRY AT THE SERVICE OF A DECADENT, MYSTERIOUS AND GRIPPING STORY, WHERE THE ULTIMATE TRUTH IS UTTERLY UNPREDICTABLE AND OBSCURE.**

Original Publisher:  
**MONDADORI**

Genre: **Thriller**

Pages: 324

Release: Oct 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

At 25, Cecilia spent her life following her father's diktat, to the point where she studied Law in order to work at the family firm. But when she stumbles upon a job opportunity at the prestigious showroom of Franco Sartori, a worldwide renowned stylist, she doesn't let it slip through her fingers – and for the first time ever she won't allow others to make decisions for her: not her father Alberto, nor her boyfriend Andrea.

Her choice soon proves to be successful: Cecilia is skilled, she closes major deals and her rise to the top is unstoppable. That is, until Franco Sartori is found dead in a dilapidated farmstead. Around his slaughtered body, all evidence leads to a satanic ritual. And this is only the beginning...

At the showroom, Spring Sales are now bringing not only costumers but policemen, new secrets and – unfortunately for everyone – new victims as well.

What is truly happening? And what if Cecilia is next on the list?

**With her new, fast-paced thriller, Di Guardo takes us among lights and shadows of the fashion world in Milan.**

**Let's step into the most exclusive and devious clubs, surrounded by the darkest secrets of their VIPs.**



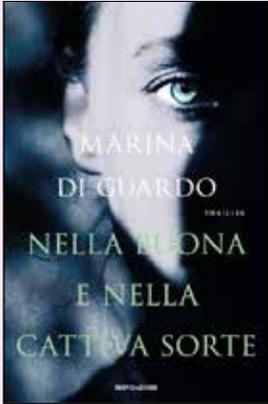
Marina Di Guardo interviewed on Rai 2 TV channel.

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# MARINA DI GUARDO

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## NELLA BUONA E NELLA CATTIVA SORTE *In Good Times and Bed*

**A woman on the run from an abusive husband**

Irene, thirty-four years old, has been living for a long time as a hostage of her husband Gianluigi, a jealous and violent manager. After the umpteenth black eye and thanks to her friend Alice, Irene loads her young daughter in the car and escapes from Milan. She finds shelter in her parents' old house in a small town in the countryside. The woman hopes to put the pieces of her life together again, but Gianluigi tracks her down and orders her to return to the city, threatening repercussions – and not just from his lawyers. Irene starts to lose her nerve, but she discovers unexpected allies in town: an old neighbour, a shopkeeper with a soft spot for her, and her husband's ex-girlfriend who is seeking revenge. Soon, however, some disturbing incidents threaten her fragile serenity. Everything collapses when someone protecting her from Gianluigi is found brutally murdered...

Original Publisher:  
**MONDADORI**

Genre: **Thriller**

Pages: 254

Release: Nov 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World

«Marina Di Guardo is the female voice that Italian publishing world has been looking for ages, a true match for American, English and Nordic writers.»

*Lampoon*



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## LA MEMORIA DEI CORPI *The Memory of Bodies*

**FIRST PRINT RUN SOLD OUT IN ONE DAY**

**A *Basic Instinct* story, full of tension and eroticism, and with an unexpectedly stunning ending.**

«A strong, bloody story set in Val Trebbia, a place that Hemingway called 'the most beautiful hills of the world'.»

*Vanity Fair*

Living like an hermit in his luxurious family mansion, Giorgio is a former lawyer in his forties. His mother died in a car accident, his father committed suicide, and the only connection he has with the real world is Agnese, the housemaid that raised him up. Everything changes when Giorgio runs into Giulia, and the two get tangled-up in a very hot, ambiguous relationship. The day that Agnese goes missing, the net begins to close in around Giulia and her lies. But Giorgio is hiding some unimaginable, dark secrets of his own...

Original Publisher:  
**MONDADORI**

Genre: **Thriller**

Pages: 256

Release: Jan 2019

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**Sold to:**

- Brazil (Tordesilhas)
- Poland (Sonia Draga)
- Greece (Livanis)

**Movie Rights sold to**  
Roman Way Prod.



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# VERONICA GALLETTA

**WINNER OF THE 2020 PREMIO CAMPIELLO FOR DEBUT NOVEL  
SELECTED FOR THE FESTIVAL DU PREMIER ROMAN DE CHAMBÉRY 2021  
SHORTLISTED FOR THE WONDY PRIZE, MEGAMARK LITERARY PRIZE  
AND ITALO CALVINO PRIZE  
WITH HER BOOK "LE ISOLE DI NORMAN"**

«A writing style that echoes Anna Maria Ortese's masterpieces.»  
*Corriere della Sera*

Born in 1971, Veronica Galletta worked as a mechanical engineer for many years. She is now focused exclusively on her writing.

In 2015 her unpublished novel *Le isole di Norman* has been **shortlisted for the Italo Calvino Literary Award**, the **most renowned and reliable Italian prize for aspiring writers**, which launched the careers of Marcello Fois and Paola Mastrocola, amongst others.

Finally published in April 2020 by **Italo Svevo** (an imprint of Gaffi Editore), less than two months later *Le isole di Norman* **won with unanimous vote the Premio Campiello Opera Prima, the most prestigious and important award in Italy for first novels and new authors.**

The jury of Premio Campiello stated that «**Veronica Galletta declares Ortigia' seaward geography a sanctuary of remembrance, brilliantly managing her topics of interest. The young protagonist, Elena, embarks on a restoration of her past with extreme inventiveness**».

Previous winners of Premio Campiello are Paolo Giordano with *The Solitude of Prime Numbers* (translated into thirty languages), Silvia Avallone with *Steel*, Valeria Parrella, Alessandro Piperno and Marco Missiroli, to name a few.

Her new novel, *Nina sull'argine*, is published in October 2021 by minimum fax.

Her website is [www.veronicagalletta.it](http://www.veronicagalletta.it)



Upho Studio  
Fotografia

# VERONICA GALLETTA

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Original Publisher:  
**MINIMUM FAX**

Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 220

Release: Oct 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**French  
sample  
available**

## NINA SULL'ARGINE

*Nina on the River Bank*

**NEW NOVEL BY WINNER OF 2020  
'PREMIO CAMPIELLO' FOR DEBUT NOVEL**

«Veronica Galletta is brilliantly using the river bank as a metaphor for the soul: the soul of a woman forced to fight with herself, with her life goals, and with a men's world. It's a story written with great care and awareness.»

*La Lettura - Corriere della Sera*

«A novel about work, vulnerability and ghosts to be tamed.»

*Marie Claire*

An engineer on her first important project, Caterina (known as Nina to her friends) is in charge of the building of a river bank in the north of Italy. Young and surrounded by an all-male ensemble, she is faced with constant difficulties: surveyors and council members' demands, technical hurdles, complaints from environmentalists, responsibilities towards her worker's safety – not to mention a love story gone awry and a troubled bond with her Sicilian homeland.

Caterina's whole life soon turns into a construction site drenched in fog, as if she's the one in need of some sort of river bank in the first place. She is more and more tempted to resign from the job, but then people around her slowly stop to be defined only by their roles and begin to look like real persons – and while seasons and landscapes change, and the river bank's construction draws to a close, Caterina's day of reckoning with her own ghosts forces her to live and learn before she can move on with her life.

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# VERONICA GALLETTA

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Original Publisher:  
**ITALO SVEVO**

Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 304

Release: Apr 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World



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FRENCH SAMPLE  
AT 'LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE  
ITALIENNE'

## LE ISOLE DI NORMAN

### *Norman Islands*



PREMIO  
CAMPIELLO  
OPERA PRIMA

Ortygia is the centre of Syracuse, one of the most beautiful and ancient Sicilian cities. But Ortygia is also a small island itself, and it's here that Elena lives together with her father, a man who keeps pretending that all is fine, and her mother Clara, a woman who hasn't left their island inside an island for years. She spends most of the time in her bedroom, surrounded by books that she stacks and moves according to some mysterious order, a system that Elena has been studying to try and understand what is going on inside her mother's head. But even though she managed to sketch 103 maps of these books' motion, the solution to the riddle – and to her mother's depression – seems impossible to find. One day, Clara suddenly disappears and Elena embarks on a ritual journey across their strange hometown, following her mother's maps and leaving her books in different places, in the hope to finally piece together not only Clara's thoughts but also an incident from her own past, when Elena spilled a pot of boiling water all over her body, leaving scars that look little maps themselves.

And it's perhaps in this crossroad of maps, burns and secrets that lie the truth concealed by Elena's parents and the rest of the island around her.

With a spectacular eye for details and an outstandingly powerful voice, Veronica Galletta draws directly from her own experiences to describe the marks left by someone else and one's own secrets, switching from the extremes to the in-betweens of everyday life inside an outlandish and deeply realistic city.

SELECTED BY  
L'OFFICIEL AS ONE OF  
THE FIVE NOVELS BY  
FEMALE AUTHORS TO  
READ IN 2020

«With her debut,  
Veronica Galletta  
successfully floored both  
critics and readers.»

*Icon*

«A fully mature and  
conscientious debut.»  
*La Lettura - Corriere della Sera*

«The abyss can't be filled,  
and that's the reason  
why Elena abandons her  
mother's books: to tell  
the impossibility of a  
reconciliation.»  
*la Repubblica*

«To hell with those  
contemporary novels!  
Galletta takes us back to  
the Great Novels from the  
last century, somewhere  
between Proust and  
Calvino. Her writing is  
persuasive and absorbing,  
a literary dream that is  
both mysterious and  
upsetting.»  
*il Fatto Quotidiano*

«An amazing and  
remarkable novel.»  
*TuttoLibri - La Stampa*

# ALESSANDRO GALLO

«THOUGH IT'S NAPLES ALESSANDRO GALLO TALKS ABOUT,  
HIS STORIES COULD BE SET ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.»

*la Repubblica*

Born in 1986, Alessandro Gallo is a writer and actor. He is a prominent figure in the field of education law. He won several prizes for his books, theatre plays and reportages, and for his commitment to the fight against mafia. In 2020, Gallo founded *Educativvù*, a cultural and educational tv-on-demand platform. His trilogy of YA novels by independent publisher Navarra Editore has sold more than 20,000 copies to this day. *He Was Your Father* is his first novel by Rizzoli, with a paperback edition to be published in Autumn 2021 by BUR Rizzoli.



## His titles:

- 2019-2021 (paperback edition): *Era tuo padre*, Italy (Rizzoli)
  - 2017: *Tutta un'altra storia*, Italy (Navarra)
- 2014: *Andrea torna a Settembre*, Italy (Navarra)
  - 2011: *Scimmie*, Italy (Navarra)



# ALESSANDRO GALLO

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YOUNG ADULT  
(14+)



Original Publisher:  
**BUR RIZZOLI**

Genre: YA Novel

Pages: 160

New Release: Oct 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

Theatrical Rights sold to  
Caracò Teatro

Now also a live-action interactive fiction, available on Educativvù, an educational project of original production and webinars dedicated to high-school students.



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## ERA TUO PADRE *He Was Your Father*

PAPERBACK EDITION BY BUR RIZZOLI OUT IN OCTOBER 2021

“When I was 15, I found out who my father really was reading about him in a newspaper, and I realized that I had a choice in front of me: to follow his steps and mark my role inside his circle, or to show that I belonged to my mother’s world – a clean and pure way of life, full of sacrifices; a different legacy. And that’s what I decided to do.”

This is how Gallo describes his upbringing, and the fates of his characters are inevitably similar to his own life.

This is the story of a father – a well-known member of the Camorra – and his three children, all forced to make a choice that will shape their lives forever: to be or not to be a part of the family kingdom. The sons, Giusuè and Alberto, have no doubt in mind: they want to fill their father’s shoes and rule a criminal empire of drugs, illegal traffic and enterprises stretched all over the Country. But the daughter, Camilla, is torn between the love for her family and a voice within that tells her to be different and claim another life. All she can do is try and find the strength to achieve what seems to be impossible. But there is a big price to pay for this kind of freedom...



«With this novel and his own life, Alessandro Gallo reveals that another path is always possible. And he does it with a ferocious and enlightening grace.»

Cover blurb by  
**Giuseppe Catozzella**  
author of *Don't Tell Me You're Afraid*,  
sold to 40 Countries

«Alessandro Gallo is the son of a Camorra boss, but he chose the law and he became a writer to help the young.»  
*Famiglia Cristiana*

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# MARINO MAGLIANI

«A WRITER WHO HAS LIVED A THOUSAND LIVES.»

*Robinson - la Repubblica*

«THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF WRITERS IN THIS WORLD: THE ONES WHO STAY AT HOME, DREAMING ABOUT IMAGINARY LANDS THAT THEY TRY TO VISIT THROUGH THEIR MINDS; AND THE ONES WHO TRAVEL EVERYWHERE TO TOUCH WITH THEIR BARE HANDS THE REALITY THAT SURROUNDS US. MARINO MAGLIANI IS THE ULTIMATE TRAVELLER OF OUR LITERARY SCENE, AND HE NEVER STANDS STILL.»

*Il Secolo XIX*

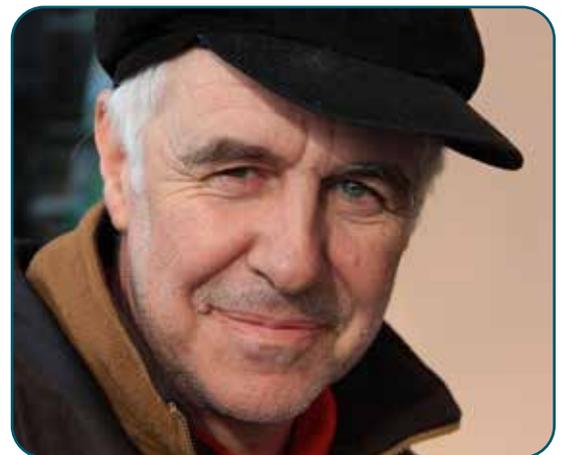
Marino Magliani was born in 1960. He is a novelist and translator from Spanish and Dutch. He lives in The Netherlands, by the North Sea (Ijmuiden). He has been honored with several lifetime achievement awards. Some of his novels and short-stories have been translated into English, Dutch, Spanish, French and German.

*Prima che te lo dicano altri*, published by Chiarelettere (an imprint of GeMS group), has been awarded with the 2019 Selezione Bancarella prize and Premio Augusto Monti, with film rights optioned. His new novel, *Il cannocchiale del tenente Dumont*, is out in the Spring of 2021 by L'Orma, the Italian publisher of Annie Ernaux, amongst others.

Throughout his career, he also won the **Premio Lerici Pea** (2012), the **Premio Frontiere** in 2010 and in 2017, the **Premio L'Albatros** (2018), and the **Premio Novaro** (2019).

Recent titles:

- 2021: *Il cannocchiale del tenente Dumont*, Italy (L'Orma)
- 2018: *Prima che te lo dicano altri*, Italy (Chiarelettere), Chile/Argentina (Edicola)
- 2017: *L'esilio dei moscerini danzanti giapponesi*, Italy (Exòrma)
- 2017: *La ricerca del legname*, Italy (Tunuè)
- 2014: *Tabucchi. Sostiene Pereira*, Italy (Tunuè)
- 2014: *Soggiorno a Zeeijwik*, Italy (Amos), USA (Bordighera Press), France (Éditions des lacs), Spain (Editorial Carpe Noctem)



# MARINO MAGLIANI

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## IL CANNOCCHIALE DEL TENENTE DUMONT

### *Lieutenant Dumont's Spyglass*

**A NOVEL OF MAJESTIC SAILING SHIPS, MUSKETS AND DEFECTIONS.**

«The novel that Eugenio Montale never wrote.»

*Altri Animali*

«Moving and evocative, with a very unpredictable ending. The book that definitely places Magliani amongst our greatest writers.»

*Il Secolo XIX*

Original Publisher:  
**L'ORMA**

Genre: **Historical Novel**

Pages: 286

Release: May 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World except  
English, French  
and German

**Dutch and Danish  
samples available**

**History with a  
capital H gets  
on the stage  
through the  
passions of  
three more-  
than-human  
individuals.**

When Napoleon Bonaparte's campaign in Egypt faces consistent defections, a medical commission stumbles upon an unexpected cause: the clues all point towards an unknown drug called "hashish", which troops discovered along the Nile. Three unaware drug-smugglers – a literate captain, a tough Basque soldier and a lieutenant who is something of a dreamer – land in Italy after days of navigation. When chaos breaks loose during the battle of Marengo, they all defect and flee to a future free from war and blood.

Welcomed by Liguria's valleys and shores – a local paradise that is also a shelter to countless spies and soldiers, as well as a gruff yet heaven-sent woman –, the three fugitives will face crossed love stories, deaths both real and fake, and delusions from their past under the beaming Italian sun.

Lieutenant Dumont is the compelling and lyrical narrator who skilfully conducts this visionary and ever-changing novel by one of the most esteemed Italian authors of our time.

«Tristano, Dantés,  
Pereira, Chatwin,  
and Calvino:

dressed up with  
brand new guises,  
all of these voices  
resonate inside a  
novel by Magliani.»

*la Repubblica*

«Powerful  
and extremely  
enjoyable.»

*Il Giornale*



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## PRIMA CHE TE LO DICANO ALTRI

*I'll Tell You First*

WINNER OF THE 2019  
'SELEZIONE  
BANCARELLA' PRIZE

AND THE 2019  
'AUGUSTO MONTI' PRIZE

SHORTLISTED FOR THE  
2019 'PREMIO ALASSIO -  
UN AUTORE PER L'EUROPA'

«Magliani reveals the world through his language. Nature, relationships, light: everything in his books seems new and eternal at the same time.»

Fabio Geda

«After a series of exquisite novels, Magliani finally wrote his masterpiece.»

*il Fatto Quotidiano*

«Writers like Magliani make their own literary genre.»

*Avenire*

A solitary farmer, Leo Vialetti lives in a valley in Liguria. He is passionate about olives and graft, but he is also a poacher. And he has an obsession: to buy a crumbling villa that the City will auction in 2024. The owner is a supposedly dead desaparecido called Raul Porti. In 1976, before his disappearance, Raul had been Leo's tutor and their lessons took place in the same villa that now Leo, almost sixty years old, is willing to purchase. Once he has sold his best piece of land in order to take part of the auction, Leo decides to go looking for Raul in Argentina, and this journey will lead him to discoveries that he never thought possible.

Original Publisher:  
**CHIARELETTERE**

Genre: Novel

Pages: 330

Release: Aug 2018

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**Sold to:**

- Chile (Edicola)
- Argentina (Edicola)

**Movie Rights sold to**  
Skull Joke Production

**Dutch  
sample  
available**



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NONFICTION

A LITTLE LITERARY  
PHENOMENON, OUT IN  
2021 IN 3 COUNTRIES



## SOGGIORNO A ZEEWIJK

*A Window to Zeewijk*

«Golden moment for Marino Magliani, with his novel *Soggiorno a Zeewijk* being published in the United States.»

*La Stampa*

«A jewel of a novel.»

*la Repubblica*

«Magliani proves once again to be a writer who can create a literal journey that is both geographical and emotional *Soggiorno a Zeewijk* teaches us how we can discover new worlds even when we remain still.»

*Postpopuli*

This book is a walk through the streets of a quarter of the Dutch sea town of IJmuiden, not far from Amsterdam.

Built on the sand dunes, every 50 years this town is forced to change its urban shape. This is the story of a changing landscape, of houses whose lives are shorter than the ones of their inhabitants. It is also the story of an unexpected encounter, happy and melancholic at the same time, like anything else in Zeewijk.

It is the novel of an observer but also a map, a travel book between Holland and Liguria, where the author sets intense pages amongst hills and orchards.

Original Publisher:  
**AMOS**

Genre: Novel

Pages: 180

Release: Mar 2014

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**Sold to:**

- USA (Bordighera Press)
- France (Éditions des lacs)
- Spain (Carpe Noctem)

**Full German  
translation  
available**

«A peculiar, nostalgic  
and thoughtful geog-  
raphy of the soul.»

*Vibrisse*

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# CLAUDIO MORANDINI

«SIMPLY ONE OF THE GREATEST ITALIAN WRITERS OF OUR TIME.»

Fabrizio Ottaviani, *il Giornale*

«ONE OF THE MOST SKILLED AND ASTONISHING NOVELISTS  
OF OUR LITERARY SCENE.»

Umberto Rossi, *Pulp Libri*

A high school teacher, Claudio Morandini lives in Aosta.

He has written radio plays, theatre monologues and several novels.

His book *A gran giornate* won the "Città di Trebisacce" Literary Prize in 2013.

His short story *Dita fredde* is included in *Santi – Lives of Modern Saints* (Black Arrow Press, USA, 2007).

In August 2018, Salani published his first children's book, *Le maschere di Pocacosa*.

*Gli oscillanti* has been published by Bompiani in 2019, with French rights sold in 2021.

*Neve, cane, piede*, his most famous novel, has been a true literary phenomenon: a top 5 best-seller, it won the Procida-Elsa Morante-Isola di Arturo prize in 2016 and it has been sold to 8 Countries so far.

A new expanded edition has been published in June 2021 by Bompiani as part of "Le Finestre", a series of novels by "great Italian authors".

The French paperback of *Le chien, la neige, un pied* won the Prix Lire en Poche de littérature traduit (2021).

Recent titles:

- 2021 (new edition): *Neve, cane, piede*, Italy (Bompiani), UK (Peirene Press), France (Anacharsis), Netherlands (Koppertnik), Turkey (Timaş), Chile and Argentina (Edicola), Egypt (Al Arabi), Russia (Polyandria)
- 2019: *Gli oscillanti*, Italy (Bompiani), France (Anacharsis)
- 2018: *Le maschere di Pocacosa*, Italy (Salani)
- 2017: *Le pietre*, Italy (Exòrma), France (Anacharsis), Turkey (Timaş)
- 2010: *Rapsodia su un solo tema*, Italy (Manni), USA-Esperanto (Mondial)



# CLAUDIO MORANDINI

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FICTION



Original Publisher:  
**BOMPIANI**

Genre: **Literary Novel**

Pages: 160

New Release: Jun 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

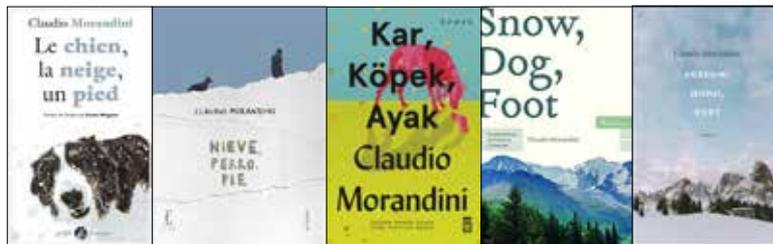
**Sold to:**

- UK (Peirene Press)
- France (Anacharsis)
- Netherlands (Koppemik)
- Turkey (Timaş)
- Chile (Edicola)
- Argentina (Edicola)
- Egypt (Al Arabi)
- Russia (Polyandria)



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## NEVE, CANE, PIEDE *Snow, Dog, Foot*



«One of the 15 most beautiful books  
of our century.»  
*Panorama*

**WINNER OF THE FRENCH  
AWARD LIRE EN POCHE 2021**

**New edition published  
by Bompiani in June 2021**

**NUMBER 5 ON ITALIAN BEST-SELLERS LIST  
SOLD TO 8 COUNTRIES**

In the Alps, there is a lonesome valley where the old and scatterbrained Adelmo Farandola wanders, crazy with solitude. Adelmo's only companion is a nagging dog; together they form an unusual comic pairing, since Adelmo is able to understand its talking as well as those of other animals of the mountains. He also understands the voices of the wind, the sky, and even of the dead. Struggling in the wild and hostile nature around him, we follow him in the changing of seasons and in the repetitiveness of his actions: but then one day, as spring arrives, Adelmo and his dog notice a foot in the melting snow. *Snow, dog, foot* is a strange little book that one can read cover to cover, enchanted by its characters and their sarcastic profundity.

Winner of the 2017  
'Modus Legendi'

Winner of the 2016  
'Premio Procida-  
Isola di Arturo-  
Elsa Morante'

«A clever story  
with two peculiar  
characters. This book is  
one of those mysteries  
that I would love to  
witness all the time.»  
**Michela Murgia**

«Morandini takes  
us through a range  
of emotions, often  
amusing us and  
unsettling us on the  
same page.»  
*The Herald*

«An impeccable short  
novel, full of attention  
to detail and musical  
rhythm.»  
*Il Mattino*

«*Le chien, la neige,  
un pied* est un récit  
saisissant et cruel,  
déroutant, semblable  
à ces histoires  
légendaires que w'l'on  
aime à raconter  
à la veillée.»  
*Le Monde*

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# CLAUDIO MORANDINI

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«An enchanting prose on a dark and hidden world.»  
*DoppioZero*

## LE PIETRE Stones

«Unpredictable, fiendish and spiteful:  
these are Morandini' stones.»  
*Giorgio Vasta, la Repubblica*

**KIOSK EDITION PUBLISHED ON JULY 2021 FOR  
GEDI GROUP (LA REPUBBLICA, L'ESPRESSO, ETC.)**  
**SHORTLISTED FOR 2020 PRIX LITTÉRAIRE MARCO POLO  
VENISE AND PRIX HORS CHAMP**

In this novel, everything is in motion. There is a little town in the Alps, Sostigno, where all the locals keep moving to and from the mountains; the river too is never still, changing its shape overnight. But most of all, the stones can't stay idle. Bizarre events happen all the time, and the stones make their way into homes, fields, everywhere they can. Until they appear in the living room of an old couple's "villa", and the story unfolds with echoes of Ionesco and Buster Keaton. A funny and choral novel where past and present merge and collide, just as if they were stones rolling down the mountainside.

Original Publisher:  
**GEDI GROUP**

Genre: **Literary Novel**

Pages: 192

New Release: Jul 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**Sold to:**

- France (Anacharsis)
- Turkey (Timaş)



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*L'Adige*

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samples  
available**

## GLI OSCILLANTI The Seesawers

«Une narration impeccable, teintée d'ironie, d'absurdité et de suspense.»  
*Le Monde*

Italian Alps, 1980. After what it looked like an endless journey, a young ethnomusicologist ends up right where she wanted to be: the little village of Crottarda. When she was little, she used to go there on holiday with her parents, and she never forgot the bewitching sounds that she heard at night during their stay. Those sounds were the shouts that shepherds gave each other in between the crests; and now, moved by her academic interest, she wants to study this ancient, mysterious habit. What she finds out is that the oppressive shadow of the mountain affects the village and the minds of its community, creating a hard hostility towards another village on the opposite, well-brighted slope, as if the conformation of the territory shaped its people's temper to the bone. Helped by a local, uncanny girl and a speleologist only equipped with his own forehead lamp, the ethnomusicologist tries to decode the shepherds' sounds and the eccentric routines of the villagers, surrounded by a cryptic, dreamlike atmosphere – like an evocative and somehow disturbing fable. But do these shouts really exist and are worthy of her study, or everything is just a trick of her memory? And are these strange people really what they appear to be, or the distance from the rest of the world made them unfitting to any kind of contact with "someone from the outside"?

Original Publisher:  
**BOMPIANI**

Genre: **Literary Novel**

Pages: 256

Release: Jun 2019

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**Sold to:**

- France (Anacharsis)
- Chile (under negotiation)

**AS UNSTABLE AS THE LIGHTS' EFFECTS ON THE MOUNTAIN SLOPES, THE SEESAWERS IS A DARK AND INTENSE NOVEL WHERE TRAGEDY AND COMEDY ARE STRICTLY INTERTWINED. ONCE MORE, MORANDINI REVEALS HOW BRIEF AND FEEBLE THE EPIPHANIC VISIONS CAN BE OVER THE COURSE OF HUMAN SEASONS.**

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# CLAUDIO MORANDINI

KIDS  
(10+)



Original Publisher:  
**SALANI**

Genre: **Children's Novel**

Pages: 160

Release: Sep 2018

Language: Italian

Rights: World



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## LE MASCHERE DI POCACOSA *The Masks of Notalot*

**A RICH, INGENUOUS NOVEL,  
FUNNY AND SPOOKY AT THE SAME TIME**

**AN ENCHANTING AND ORIGINAL STORY  
ABOUT MOUNTAIN TREES AND BULLIES**

**SHORTLISTED FOR THE 2019 "LA PAGINA CHE NON C'ERA" AWARD**

12-year-old Remigio is clever, more than anyone in his class, maybe even his teachers. And he knows it. The school bullies don't like his attitude, so they threaten to pay him back for humiliating them when Carnival comes to their mountain village of Notalot.

The villagers have always dressed up in costumes and masks for Carnival but in recent years the atmosphere and the masks have changed, hiding the perpetrators of mischief, chaos, and barbaric behaviour, terrorising the whole village.

To protect himself, Remigio applies his cleverness to creating a costume of his own, a huge and cumbersome suit of armour, but one night someone breaks in to smash and shatter it beyond repair.

In desperation, Remigio runs away that very night into the woods, in search of the only person who can help him: the notorious hermit Bonifacio, who has terrified the village for decades, creeping around in bizarre costumes made from natural materials.

Out on the freezing mountain Remigio passes out, and is pecked by crows, but wakes up inside Bonifacio's hut, with the old man tending his wounds.

Remigio begs Bonifacio to help him get revenge on the bullies by building a costume that will terrify them, but Bonifacio's strategy is to teach Remigio lessons about respecting nature: how to recognise and use natural materials, how to blend in and become 'invisible' in nature, and above all, that the best response to bullying is not to be afraid.

«Filled with biting wit, a book like few others.»  
*La Stampa*

«This is true mountain life, not the sweetened, filtered version that you're used to reading about from Italian writers.»  
*il Giornale*

«As the mask slowly falls apart, we can see the young boy for what he really is.»  
*Andersen*

«Your children will love it, but go and steal this book from them. You won't regret it.»  
*Pulp Libri*

«A book written in a state of grace.»  
*Convenzionali*

SYNOPSIS AND ENGLISH SAMPLE BY AILSA WOOD AZZARO  
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# ADRIAN R. REDNIC

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Born in Romania, Adrian Raul Rednic lives in Italy. With 300,000 subscribers and 60 million views on YouTube so far, he is famous especially for his commentaries on *Game of Thrones* episodes and on *Harry Potter* books and movies.

The second book of his fantasy saga *I rinnegati di Arest* (*The Renegades of Arest*) will be launched in November 2021 during Lucca Comics & Games festival.



WATCH THE  
ADRIAN REDNIC'S  
INTERVIEW ON  
ROMANIAN CHANNEL  
TVR INTERNATIONAL

Recent titles:

- 2021: *Il canto del Leviatano*, Italy (Fanucci)
- 2018: *La caduta dello Zentir*, Italy (Fanucci)

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# ADRIAN R. REDNIC

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## IL CANTO DEL LEVIATANO

### *Leviathan Song*

With the second volume of his phenomenal fantasy saga, Adrian Rednic puts his characters to the test, expanding the magical world they end up living – and struggling – in.

After everything that has happened in the first volume of the saga, Nathan, John and Gwen reach Liiandris and are welcomed by the Gilda of Draconi, an ancient organization in charge of protecting the Zentir. Sam, on the other hand, fell through the Veil and is now nowhere to be found...

Inexplicable events begin to occur almost everywhere, all coming down to water and the creatures who live in it, while the guys try and learn more about their powers and how to control them: John with the help of Maverik, a strong and crude warrior; Gwen thanks to a werewolf named Louvel who's been chased away from his pack by his own brother; and Nathan with the support of his old friend Montgomery, the librarian.

Original Publisher:  
**FANUCCI**

Genre: **Fantasy Saga**

Pages: 590

Release: Nov 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

The most popular  
and subscribed Italian  
YouTube channel on  
*Game of Thrones* and  
*Harry Potter*.



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## LA CADUTA DELLO ZENTIR

### *The Fall of the Zentir*

«In this novel we face unknown worlds, new powers,  
and, above all, deepest fears.»

*La Stampa*

When the stone pillar known as Zentir gets destroyed, thousands of tiny fragments scatter in the streets of a city that could be London – or maybe not. The Zentir was filled with an immeasurable amount of magic, and from the moment that four random guys get infected by it, nothing will be the same.

They will discover how magic has been a hidden constant of Human History throughout the centuries, and that there is an hidden world called Liiandris where wizards, Templars and knights fight each other for supremacy. But their war is getting closer and closer to our reality too...

*The Fall of the Zentir* is the first book in an urban fantasy saga by Adrian R. Rednic, a YouTube personality known under the pseudonym of Caleel.

Original Publisher:  
**FANUCCI**

Genre: **Fantasy Saga**

Pages: 576

Release: Nov 2018

Language: Italian

Rights: World



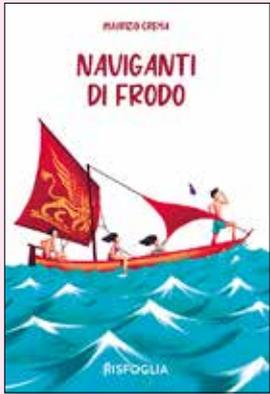
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# MAURIZIO CREMA

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(13+)



Original Publisher:  
**RISFOGLIA**

Genre: YA Novel

Pages: 144

Release: Jun 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World



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## NAVIGANTI DI FRODO *Sailing Away*

FOUR AUTHENTIC AND ENGAGING VOICES TELL  
A COMPELLING ADVENTURE ABOUT FRIENDSHIP,  
REBELLION, EMPATHY, FREEDOM – AND THE RISKS  
AND SHADOWS OF OUR PRESENT AS WELL.

«An unpredictable novel about growing-up,  
both humanly and socially.»

*Il Gazzettino*

«A book that will linger on in your mind.»

*MSN*

Alvise, Silvia and Daniele are three teenagers from wealthy Venetian families. One day, they steal the boat of Alvise and Silvia's father and embark on a journey across the Adriatic Sea. During their first stop on land, they meet Emira, a girl from Albania who left her home in the hope of a better future, but ended being trapped in a human traffic business and forced to sell her body. On the run from her jailor, Emira joins the three friends and together they head for Istria. But nothing is as it seems, and soon conflicts erupt amongst the group – while the Police starts looking for them.

«His books,  
like his travels,  
are a reportage  
of Eastern  
Europe, but also  
postcards that  
mirror what Italy  
has become.»

*Il Fatto Quotidiano*



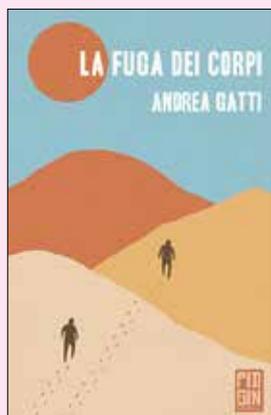
**MAURIZIO CREMA** is a professional journalist and writer, editor-in-chief of Economics at the newspaper *Il Gazzettino*.

His previous books – focused on journeys (real and imagined) and places like Venice, Corfu, Romania and Albania – have been published by Ediciclo.

# ANDREA GATTI

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Original Publisher:

**PIDGIN**

Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 370

Release: Sep 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

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Spanish  
and French  
samples  
available

## LA FUGA DEI CORPI *Bodies on the Run*

SECOND PRINT RUN  
AFTER 3 WEEKS!

Two friends go in search of a mysterious beach in the Andalusian desert. Their journey will unveil the dark nature of their relationship, forcing them to make a choice from which there is no going back.

“Powerful and destabilizing. A complex tale about what it really means to understand another person.”

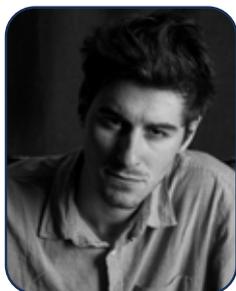
*Marvin*

“Spellbound and cathartic, a post-modern novel as intense as a classic tragedy.”

*Rivista Blam*

To escape an ordinary and suffocating life, Vanni and Daniel embark on a journey to Cala Bruja, a beach in the Andalusian desert. Rumour says that a community lives there in complete self-sufficiency, fully committed to explore all kinds of pleasure. The two friends pass through cities like ghosts, playing music in the streets with their faces covered with masks and a protective circle on the ground drawn with chalk. There is a mutual initiation process, a test to prove that they can achieve anything they want. But soon their sharing of space and time becomes complete, absolute and morbid, and their individual desires start to collide. While their friendship founders, Vanni and Daniel lose themselves to ferocious and extreme deeds, as if violence were the only answer to their need for rebellion and the pattern to pour out frustration and disenchantment.

Through fallen myths, mystical travels and mind-altering experiences, *Bodies on the Run* is a story told by two distinctive voices, each with their own personality, unforgivable flaws and imperfect humanities.



Born in Rome in 1992, **ANDREA GATTI** currently lives in Bologna. He studied Filmmaking and Storytelling Techniques at the Scuola Holden, a school of contemporary humanities founded by Alessandro Baricco.

His short stories have been published by a number of magazines and websites, and one is included in a collection edited by Filippo Tuena.

*Bodies on the Run* is his debut novel.

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# MASSIMILIANO MAGGI

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**ALTER EGO**

Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 170

Release: Jul 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World



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## ALLEGRA

### *Allegra*

«How does it feel to be 20 years old in the Italian province? This is what Maggi reveals to us with his debut novel.»

*Style - Corriere della Sera*

«A novel to devour.»

*Il Foglio*

«Maggi's voice is fresh, vivid, and trenchant.»  
*CriticaLetteraria*

«With his conscious and immediate writing, *Allegra* is a coming-of-age story free of clichés.»

*Mar dei Sargassi*

*Allegra* would describe her family as “people from the countryside”, but these four words hide a much trickier existence. Her father is an alcoholic and her mother is addicted to psychoactive medicines; Her older sister Luna had to carry the whole family on her shoulders, resulting in her being constantly on the verge of a nervous breakdown. And then, to cap it all, her older brother Libero disappeared into thin air when she was only three, triggering a snowball effect for *Allegra*'s still wealthy but yet problematic family.

Now eighteen and a senior high school student, *Allegra* slaloms through the ups and downs of her age drinking a glass of wine after another, much like her friends, her own family (which owns a wine shop), and apparently everyone else in Orvieto. Never-ending summer days follow wild nights, up until Libero abruptly returns, sharing his secrets and presence only with his little sister.

**ALLEGRA  
EMBODIES  
THE TYPICAL  
TEENAGER  
RAISED UP IN  
SUBURBAN ITALY,  
WHOSE ONLY  
WAY TO STAY  
AFLOAT  
IN HER GOLDEN  
AGE IS BY  
FACING  
AND OPENLY  
EMBRACING ITS  
DECADENCE.**

**A NOVEL OF DELUSIONS, CHIMERAS  
AND AN AWFUL LOT OF ALCOHOL**



**MASSIMILIANO M. MAGGI** was born in Siena in 1995 and has been living in Orvieto for most of his life.

In 2017 he graduated at Alessandro Baricco's “Scuola Holden” in Storytelling and Performing Arts.

He describes himself as a “professional cynic” who cannot live without (or do anything else apart from) writing.

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# CLAUDIO VOLPE

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Original Publisher:  
**LAURANA**

Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 202

Release: May 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World  
(on behalf of Laurana)

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**English**  
**sample**  
**available**

## OLTRE OGNI COSA *Beyond It All*

THE NEW NOVEL BY A THREE-TIME PREMIO STREGA NOMINEE

«Thanks to his passionate and intense writing, Claudio Volpe narrates lives with remarkable eloquence, always conveying a message that is both intimate and profound.»

**Dacia Maraini**

Alba is a distinguished pianist from Rome, while her husband Pietro is a Physics Professor at the local University. They have been trying to conceive a baby for a long time, but without success. An argument while they're driving in their car causes a terrible accident: Pietro is apparently unscathed, whereas Alba ends up completely paralysed and soon develops a desire to die. Pietro is taken off guard when she asks him to make love to her once again, despite her condition. Her husband, affected by impotence as a consequence of the car crash, gets in touch with a man who offers sexual services for people with disabilities. But this man will slowly play a much more important role for both Pietro and Alba.

We also follow the story of Carlo and Greta, who have been friends since their childhood, giving each other support after rough problems with their parents: Carlo lost them prematurely, while Greta was abandoned as a child. They have decided to give birth to a baby, but a sudden catastrophe tackles down Greta, messing everything up. These four characters' lives flow without intermissions, up until their paths cross and overlap in a most unexpected way.



Born in 1990, **CLAUDIO VOLPE** lives in Rome, where he studied Law. In 2011, Dacia Maraini put forward his debut novel, *Il vuoto intorno*, for Premio Strega. The same novel won the Franco Enriequez International Award. In 2013, his second novel *Stringimi prima che arrivi la notte* has been submitted to Premio Strega by Renato Minore and Cesare Milanese, winning the Napoli Cultural Classic prize. *La traiettoria dell'amore* (Laurana, 2017) has been submitted to Premio Strega by Francesca Pansa e Carla Tagliarini. In 2018 he wrote *Il diritto di morire* together with Dacia Maraini, published by SEM.

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# ENRICO BRIZZI

AN UCHRONIC TRILOGY BY THE AUTHOR OF  
*JACK FRUSCIANTE È USCITO DAL GRUPPO*  
(*JACK FRUSCIANTE HAS LEFT THE BAND*)

«The fantastic-historical context described by Enrico Brizzi  
is gifted with ingenious simplicity.»

Tommaso Pincio, *il manifesto*

**TV-SERIES  
COMING SOON!**



Born in 1974, at 19 Enrico Brizzi published his debut novel, *Jack Frusciante has left the band*, later translated in 24 languages. In 1996 it inspired an Italian movie by the same name.

His second book, *Bastogne*, has been translated to French, German and Spanish. He later wrote ten more novels, published by Baldini&Castoldi and Mondadori, comics, graphic novels, guides.

At the present time, the “Italian fanta-historical epic tale” consists of three novels that will soon be republished all together. Brizzi is currently working on the fourth chapter of the epos.

«His writing is still brilliant and ‘fat’, meaning thriving, just as his hometown Bologna.»

*Vanity Fair*

«Brizzi brings to life a scenario of memorable characters, something quite rare on days like these.»

*il Mucchio*

«One must have a great ability to write something like this, a story about a world that could have been ours, filled with echoes of Celati, Tondelli and Benni.

It’s a chance to think things through.»

*La Stampa*

«A true colossal about Italian (fanta) history.»

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# ENRICO BRIZZI

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## “Epopea fantastorica italiana” “Italian ‘Fanta-Historical’ Epic Tale”



### **L'INATTESA PIEGA DEGLI EVENTI** *(The Unexpected Turn of Events)*

FINALIST AT THE 'PREMIO DESSI'  
NOMINATED TO THE 'POZZALE LUIGI RUSSO' PRIZE

The question is: what would have happened if Mussolini had won World War II? The answer begins with this book, first of a three-part series.

Being a sport journalist, Lorenzo Pellegrini is asked to go to Africa to report the local football championship. It's the '50s and Italy still rules over its “black” colonies. Over there, Lorenzo will soon find how “italianization” is just a facade, because prejudice and racism are the true rule. But the problem is that something is happening in his country as well: with Mussolini getting closer to death, Italy is shaken up by an impending political crisis.

NEW EDITION: THEORIA, 2018 • PAG. 576



### **LORENZO PELLEGRINI E LE DONNE** *(Lorenzo Pellegrini and His Women)*

Lorenzo is 19, the war is over and women are his only thought. Riding his Vespa, he wanders in the streets of Bologna but his journey will soon bring him further away, as he chases his goddess Irene. After he decides to decline his father's proposal to follow his steps and become a lawyer, Lorenzo begins his training as a sport journalist and he discovers an exciting way of life made of swing rhythms and new stepping-stones. In the background, Mussolini's victory reveals its real price...

NEW EDITION, THEORIA, 2019 • PAG. 461

Original Publisher:  
**THEORIA**

Genre: Alternate  
History Novel

Language: Italian

Rights: World

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### **LA NOSTRA GUERRA** *(Our War)*

Set in the years between 1942 and 1945, *Our War* recounts Lorenzo's coming of age, as he leaves behind the comforts of middle-class lifestyle and he struggles with being an evacuee. While Italy goes to war with the Allies, his education is made of first love, friendships, betrayals and air raids. Thanks to the author's vivid imagination, the second chapter of Brizzi's epopee has the same bittersweet taste of most renowned movies from the Italian golden age.

NEW EDITION COMING SOON!

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# LAURA GRAMUGLIA

«WE STILL NEED REBEL WOMEN LIKE THESE ONES.»

*Sky Arte*

Speaker, dj, and author, Laura Gramuglia worked on Radio DeeJay and she is currently one of the voices of Radio Capital. She wrote about music and women on *Rolling Stone*, *Tu Style*, *Futura – Corriere della Sera*, and she collaborated to the launch of the international online radio Spreaker.

She is a member of **shesaid.so**, a global community of women and gender minorities in the music industry.

Her backlist includes titles such as *Rock in Love. 69 love stories* (translated into Turkish), *Pop Style* and *Bad habits. Eroticism in Pop*, all published by Arcana.



Recent titles:

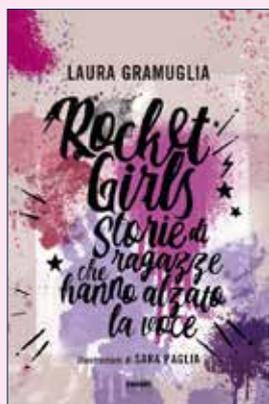
- 2019: *Rocket Girls. Storie di ragazze che hanno alzato la voce*, Italy (Fabbri), Brazil (Belas Letras)
- 2017: *Hot Stuff. Cattive abitudini e passioni proibite. L'erotismo nella musica pop*, Italy (Arcana)
- 2014: *Pop Style. La musica addosso*, Italy (Arcana)
- 2012: *Rock in Love. Da Elvis & Priscilla a Kurt & Courtney, 69 storie d'amore a tempo di musica*, Italy (Arcana), Turkey (Affectum Libris)



# LAURA GRAMUGLIA

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NONFICTION



Original Publisher:  
**FABBRI**

Illustrated by Sara Paglia

Genre: **Music History**

Pages: 220

Release: Jun 2019

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**Sold to:**

- Brazil (Belas Letras)
- Germany (under negotiation)

## ROCKET GIRLS

*Girls Who Raised Their Voices*

PUBLISHED IN BRAZIL IN FEBRUARY 2021

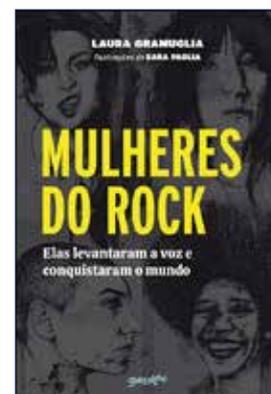
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«A MUST-READ FOR EVERY GIRL  
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Women in the history of rock are not few; but few are the ones remembered. However, armies of other female musicians fought with them, though their stories never gained the spotlight. But the moment to tell them has arrived. That's why *Rocket Girls* is first of all a request for attention. A reading that encourages us to look beyond labels and consider female music not a genre in itself, but a world as rich and multi-faceted as the male one.

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# GIANLUCA LIONI

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## LA PROCESSIONE DEI FANTASMI

### *Ghosts' Procession*

«Scenes from everyday life on the island of La Maddalena, a small and fascinating microcosm where historical characters live alongside fictional ones. A charming novel filled with scents and colors from one of the most beautiful places in Italy.»

**Stefania Auci**

author of *The Florios of Sicily*, sold to 23 Countries

With a skilful and knowing literary eye, Lioni creates a strongly convincing scenario for his debut novel, a story just as plausible as historically accurate.

«A successful debut by an author gifted with many levels of language registers.»  
*Il Messaggero*

Original Publisher:  
**TRE60**

Genre: Historical Novel

Pages: 192

Release: Sep 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World

Sardinia, 1864. Russian anarchist Michail Bakunin lands on the island of La Maddalena, where he is personally greeted by Giuseppe Garibaldi and his gang. Meanwhile, at the only tavern in the village, old English captain Daniel Roberts learns about the mysterious death of Loriga, a merchant who claimed to have witnessed the Rèula, a macabre procession of souls that local people believe to be a "portent of doom". But Roberts is too shrewd a man to fall for superstition, and so he begins to investigate what could be the true reason behind this murder –until the situation soon falls into chaos when another man is found dead.

To solve the mystery, Roberts must delve into the intricate tangle of deceptions, secrets and fables, with Garibaldi, Bakunin, and a priest as his allies.

**SET IN THE  
MYTHIC AND  
SPELLBINDING  
ISLAND OF LA  
MADDALENA  
(SARDINIA),  
GHOSTS'  
PROCESSION IS  
AN HISTORICAL  
MYSTERY OF PURE  
ITALIAN FLAVOUR  
AND ONE OF THE  
HOT TITLES BY  
TRE60 – GeMS  
GROUP IN 2020.**



Born in 1981, **GIANLUCA LIONI** is a journalist and the official Spokesperson of the current Minister of Cultural Heritage and Activities, Dario Franceschini.

He's the author of nonfiction best-seller *I grandi discorsi che hanno cambiato la storia*, published by Newton Compton.

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# SILVIO VALPREDÀ

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NONFICTION



Original Publisher:  
**ADD**

Genre: **Sociology**

Pages: 144

Release: May 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World



LOOK AT THE SAMPLE!

## CAPITALOCENE

### *Capitalocene: Notes from a New Age*

«Through clear and eloquent illustrations, this travel journal points out the tragic alterations of our ecosystem, and how all species who inhabit this planet are struggling to face them – humankind included.»

*La Lettura - Corriere della Sera*

«Halfway between a travel diary and a graphic book filled with maps, sketches and photographs, *Capitalocene* raises both doubts and curiosity in equal measure.»

*L'Indipendente*

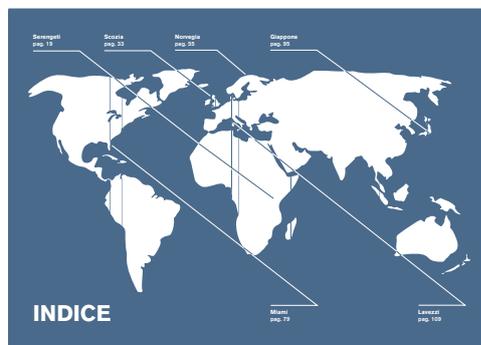
«An interesting crossover of travel reportage and socio-anthropological study.»

*La Stampa*

«Drawing from on his own experience, Valpreda approaches universal phenomena with a style that is definetely more English than Italian.»

*eHabitat*

«What if human kind was nothing more than a tool used by Money, in order to act on Nature? I wanted to see what was really happening, and that's why it was time for me to hit the road.»



Conceptual artist, writer and curator, **SILVIO VALPREDÀ** lived in Mexico and Germany before returning to his hometown, Turin. He worked as an industrial designer. Amongst other, his previous books have been published by Gaffi and Eris Edizioni.

Coined by English historian Jason W. Moore in 2016, 'Capitalocene' might seem a strange word, even though it relates to something very close to all of us: it is the new age that we live in, where it's not the mankind that affects the world (as according to the anthropocentrism) but the mankind that is affected by the capital.

A writer, artist and former companies executive, Silvio Valpreda connects visual language and storytelling, geography and intuition, infographic and artistic intervention in order to investigate our new world of great changes. He takes us amongst lions and poachers in the Serengeti Plain, churches and sheep in Scotland, electric cars and oil wells in Norway, garbage cans and swimming pools in Miami, until we reach the inhabited island of Lavezzi, only to discover that the capital left its mark there as well.

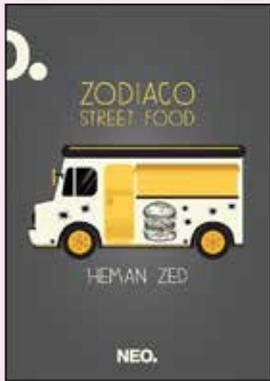
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# HEMAN ZED

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Original Publisher:  
**NEO**

Genre: **Comedy-Crime  
Novel**

Pages: 232

Release: Sep 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World

## ZODIACO STREET FOOD

### *Zodiaco Street Food*

**A NOVEL IN SHADES OF GLOOM AND YET EXTREMELY ENTERTAINING, WITH FAST PACED DIALOGUES AND A BREATHTAKING PROSE. HEMAN ZED PRESENTS US WITH A BRAND NEW AND COMPELLING ANTIHERO.**

Times change and even organized crime needs to run for cover. Romeo Marconato, former member of the Mala of Brenta, certainly does have a gift: the ability to sniff out good deals. Stuck with a wife he hates, a difficult child and a villa in the Paduan countryside, he has built his business from the ground up at the edges of the law: Zodiaco, a zodiac themed food truck franchise that runs along the Padova-Venezia highway.

Then there is super chef Vitiello, tv super star from the show *The Simple Cook*, and his writers, knees deep in a creative slump for the following season format. And there is also a loose cannon: she waits tables at *L'ultimo Doge*, hiding her true descent in spite of herself.

However, Romeo Marconato is the pivot of the story. Uncontested king of low priced and even lower quality street food, he will be served a juicy opportunity at the hands of his past. All is left to see, is how well he will handle a chain of events well beyond his grasp.

«*Zodiaco street food* has something noir and terribly comical as well. A brilliant depiction of the Venetian lagoon and its characters at the edges of reality.»

*Il Mattino*

«If there's anything inherently Tarantinian among my most recent reads, it surely is this *Serenissima* interpretation of a noir.»

*Blow Up*

«Heman Zed crafted a narration that flows perfectly: the plot, the storyline, the structure, its twists and turns. Everything does the trick.»

*Corriere del Veneto*



**HEMAN ZED** debuted in 2007 with the novel *La cortina di marzapane* (Il Maestrale, 2007), followed by *La Zolfa* (2009), *Dreams 'n' Drums* (2010) and, with Gianluca Morozzi, *Lo scrittore deve morire* (Guanda, 2012).

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# VITO DI BATTISTA

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## L'ULTIMA DIVA DICE ADDIO *Goodbye, Molly Buck*



Original Publisher:  
**SEM**

Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 224

Release: Feb 2018

Language: Italian

Rights: World



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ENGLISH SAMPLE!

**FINALIST AT THE 2020 'ARGENTARIO'  
LITERARY PRIZE**

**FINALIST AT THE 2019 'NABOKOV' PRIZE**

**FINALIST AT THE 2018 'CITTÀ DI COMO'  
INTERNATIONAL PRIZE**

Florence, 1977. Once a famous movie star, Molly Buck dies in a private clinic. Sitting outside the front gate, there is a young man that she chose as her biographer. In their sleepless nights together, he had meticulously recorded his muse's memories and her life unfolds now through their voices. This is the beginning of a backwards tale that follows Molly Buck's career, from her retirement to the splendor of her younger years. But nothing is ever as it seems...

*L'ultima diva dice addio* is a circular novel on memory and its lies, investigating the power of words and how it can be able to redeem a whole existence.



Born in 1986, **VITO DI BATTISTA** studied Comparative Literature in Florence and Bologna.

He writes on *Nuovi Argomenti* literary magazine (Mondadori) and *Futura – Corriere della Sera*.

His debut novel *L'ultima diva dice addio* has been published by SEM.

«A fascinating prose that will bewitch you since the very first page.»  
Pupi Avati [film director]

«The burning of distant sparks, coming from another world and another league.»  
Renato Barilli [academic, writer, and art critic]

«One of the 12 must-read new Italian writers of 2018.»  
*GQ*

«An enthralling walk down the memory lane, filled with breath-taking twists.»  
*Corriere della Sera*

«A story that forces us to face our myths, our fears and the way that times relentlessly flees away.»  
*Grazia*

«Remarkable and one of a kind.»  
*L'Amletico*

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# SILVA GENTILINI

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## LE FORMICHE NON HANNO LE ALI

*Ants Do Not Have Things*

A TOP 10 AMAZON BEST-SELLER

**BASED ON AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL FACTS, *ANTS DO NOT HAVE WINGS* IS THE STORY OF TWO WOMEN SHARING THE SAME TRAGIC FATE: THEY ARE BOTH FORCED TO GIVE UP THEIR FIRSTBORNS FOR ADOPTION.**

«Gentilini's novel is brutal. Her voice is sharp and set to strike and make you suffer. And her ants are the inspiration behind this beautiful memoir, with their thin and undying path that will lead them – just like her – to salvation.»

*Grazia*

In the '70s, Emma is a girl who constantly suffers from her father's tyranny and abuses. No one in the family can overcome his depression and deep anger issues. When she is 17, he rapes her. After she finds out she's pregnant with his child, her only option is to give up the baby, leaving him in the hands of a sleazy and unknown doctor.

At the beginning of the century, Margherita falls in love with a boy from a very rich family and she has no one to turn to when he impregnates her. After being separated from her baby, she decides to emigrate to America.

One day, these two dark, bloody and brave lives will unexpectedly cross.

Telling the true story of one of her ancestors and, most of all, her own, Silva Gentilini raises a painfully honest and gracefully bold shout for redemption.

Winner of:

- 'SPOLETO ART FESTIVAL' PRIZE, 2018
- 'CAPALBIO INTERNATIONAL' PRIZE, 2018
- 'ARGENTARIO' LITERARY PRIZE, 2018



Born in 1961, **SILVA GENTILINI** worked for more than twenty years as story-editor for an Italian TV station. She was also a freelance journalist for «Cosmopolitan» e «Moda». *Ants do not have wings* is her first novel.

Original Publisher:  
**MONDADORI**

Genre: Novel

Pages: 168

Release: Nov 2017

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**Sold to:**

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# ALBERTO MILAZZO

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Original Publisher:  
**SEM**

Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 140

Release: May 2019

Language: Italian

Rights: World

Theatrical Rights sold to  
Teatro Libero



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## LA MORALE DEL CENTRINO

### *The Morals of the Doily*

*Coming out to a Sicilian mother*

«How can you be happy when I suffer? is the Flaubertian dogma of this bewitching novel, a survival guide for those who know how much love can be morbid and tangled, just like the threads of a doily. Through the story of an exquisite and unique character, Alberto Milazzo talks about the core issues of our modern world: civil rights, generational clash, and – most of all – a new family model that exudes love.»

*la Repubblica*

«A masterpiece of compromises.»

*Lei*

«Sacriligious and hilarious.»

*Robinson – la Repubblica*

“It is 23 days  
since I last ate.”

“23 days? Mother,  
that’s terrible!  
Why?”

“I didn’t want to  
have my mouth  
full in case you’d  
called.”

Three siblings have a frenemy to fight: Manon, their mother – a Sicilian woman who spends her days deep-frying eggplants, and whose life follows her own peculiar motto: “Happiness is possible only when based on the average of our mutual sorrows”. Manon’s universe is all about a code of conduct made of high morals, piety and the myth of unhappiness; But their children challenge this strict set of rules through a series of failures, a divorce and – worst of all – a sexual orientation that is not at all proper. When the modern world suddenly strikes Manon’s life, will she be able to face such a deep revolution?

Witty, moving and thought-provoking, *The Morals of the Doily* is an autobiographical novel that shifts between exhilarating pages and epic drama.



Born in Sicily, **ALBERTO MILAZZO** is an author, playwright, translator, actor and a Judaism expert. He lives between Milan and London with his English husband, Tom. His debut novel, *Uomini e insetti*, has been published in 2015 by Mondadori, and his latest translation is *Queer City* by Peter Ackroyd (SEM, 2019).

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# GIACOMO VERRI

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## UN ALTRO CANDORE *A Different Candour*



Original Publisher:  
**NUTRIMENTI**

Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 256

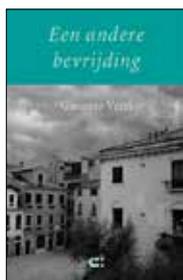
Release: Oct 2019

Language: Italian

Rights: World  
(on behalf of  
Nutrimenti)

**Sold to:**

· Netherlands (Ilzer)



### ANOTHER KIND OF LOVE DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR'S RESISTANCE

Claudio and Donata – an old married couple – live in a small village in the north-west of Italy. One winter night, Donata is hit by a car as she crosses the street. In her hospital bed, ancient memories come back to the surface, until she finally reveals to her husband that she knows about his long-buried secret: a love lost but not forgotten.

That's how we find out about Claudio's past as a partisan during the Second World War, and his intense relationship with one of his brothers-in-arms, Franco. We meet Sebastiano, a young boy with a taste for blood and angels sleeping in his closet, and Cristina, a fierce lady-soldier seeking her fortune at any cost. We follow their lives as they unfold throughout the decades, from the '40s to the '80s, while illusions fade, intimacy grows out of the ordinary, and resilience gives room to a different kind of candour. The candour of a love lost but not forgotten.

«A whispered and delicate story about a suspended and yet terrifying time, with echoes of Jean Baptiste Del Amo, Christopher Isherwood, and Beppe Fenoglio.»  
*la Repubblica*

«Verri's writing uncovers how much regrets settle deeply in our souls.»  
*Avvenire*

«Poignant and engrossing, a book about unintentional fights and against sexual prejudice. Is a homosexual partisan really a scandal?»  
*La Stampa*

«A wonderful recount of love and the need to make peace with the past.»  
*Robinson – la Repubblica*



Born in 1978, **GIACOMO VERRI** is a middle-school teacher. His first novel, *Partigiano inverno* (Nutrimenti, 2012), has been finalist at Premio Calvino. The paperback edition has been published by the newspaper «la Repubblica» in August 2020.

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Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 120

Release: Jun 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

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IN 2 WEEKS**

# Ariase Barretta

## CANTICO DELL'ABISSO

### *A Song from the Abyss*

**A MORBID RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A FATHER AND HIS CHILDREN GIVES WAY TO DRAMA, CHALLENGES AND A LIFE-CHANGING RESOLUTION**

Davide is 13 years old and he lives in Bologna. He loves his father Osvaldo beyond reason, knowing no boundaries nor limitations. But this extreme kind of love is just the start of a life-long process that will bring Davide to clarity and self-acceptance, culminating with the decision to transition.

Ariase Barretta wrote a story as powerful as only real life can be, where past and present collide and overlap through the memories of a Summer filled with dreams, expectations and violence.

Born in Naples, **ARIASE BARRETTA** lives in Madrid. In 2018 he founded an artistic project called "Sacrificium Viduae" together with performer Manuela Maroli, and at present he is deeply involved in Queer Art and Trans-modernism, with a specific interest into the works of Chilean writer Pedro Lamebel.

His previous novels, published by Meridiano Zero from 2009 to 2018, won several awards.

«Barretta is not one to shoot from the hip, and his words and style prove to be something more.»  
**Valeria Parrella**

«Ariase Barretta's masterfully combines ethical conviction with the audacity of experimental fiction.»  
*la Repubblica*

«Fierce and disturbing, Barretta writes stories one has to fear, but not to overlook.»  
*La Stampa*

«Few writers succeed in telling readers about the cruel depths of human relationships. Ariase Barretta is definitely one of those.»  
*Huffington Post*

FICTION



Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 256

Release: Feb 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

# Luigi Romolo Carrino NON È DI MAGGIO

## *Not in May*

«With a sage mixture of Italian and Neapolitan dialect, *Not in May* spreads the authenticity of primigenial thinking, where souls communicate without boundaries nor filters. Prophecies and spells underpin a story of powerful women, with the beautiful island of Procida and the author's charming style paying homage to Elsa Morante's masterpieces.»

Nominated for Premio Strega 2021  
by Wanda Marasco



NOMINATED BY WANDA MARASCO

«A book where study, emotion and technique are intertwined, merging into an engaging result.»  
*Huffington Post*

### About the author and his previous titles:

«Few writers can use words to communicate emotions like Carrino.»

*Marie Claire*

«Unusual, innovative and free of compromises.»

*la Repubblica*

«Carrino found a new, impeccable way to talk about something many others talk about.»

*Corriere della Sera*

«You can easily recognize a novel by Carrino from its first sentence, its first metaphor, its first fourteen words.»

*MilanoNera*

Born surrounded by the sea of Procida isle, Salvo is the reluctant hero who has been denied the greatest love of all: his mother's. At a young age, he learned how to manage all his powers – telekinesis, telepathy, the ability to shape time and space. But his powers will soon be exploited by Rosina, a *janara*, a witch who struggles to keep the “old ways” alive against progress.

Salvo believed that his role was to teach humankind a new meaning of life, a new alphabet of love. This is not the case, and the only person who seems to really understand his suffering and desires is Nuccio, an autistic boy that will lead him into a parallel world of communication.

**LUIGI ROMOLO CARRINO's** literary debut has been in 2006 with *Monadori*. In the years that follow, he wrote several novels and short stories collections published by Laterza, Meridiano Zero, e/o, amongst others. He is a three-time nominee to Premio Strega. One of his novels, *Acqua storta*, has been translated into German.

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Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 110

Release: Apr 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

# Barbara Garlaschelli

## LETTERE DALL'ORLO DEL MONDO

### *Letters from the Edge of the World*

#### A WRITER SOLD TO 7 TERRITORIES

With her previous books – published in France (Gallimard), Spain (Roca), Portugal, The Netherlands, Serbia, Belgium and Mexico –, Barbara Garlaschelli won a number of prizes, including the Scerbanenco Award, and was shortlisted for Premio Strega

A woman and a man communicate through letters sent from unknown places. They are both standing at the edge of the world, but their love goes beyond time and space. A love that is like a dream, or maybe a nightmare – because they can't be sure that the other will actually read the letters that have been posted.

She is looking for a safe place where her anger can die out; He is always keeping a door open for her.

But why do they live apart? Why does distance seem the only way to survive? And who is really helping who to survive?

The answer – unexpected, astonishing – will eventually be revealed...

«Barbara teaches us that there is no such thing as a disabled love.»

**Daria Bignardi**, *Vanity Fair*

«The quadriplegic writer who talks about faces that nobody is looking at.»

*Corriere della Sera*

«Barbara undresses in front of us, getting rid of her daily life to show a new version of herself.»

*Panorama*

Born in 1965, **BARBARA GARLASCHELLI** wrote more than ten books for adult and children, published by EL – Einaudi Ragazzi, Disney, Frassinelli, Salani, Piemme, Sperling & Kupfer, amongst others.

Her blog is: [www.sdiario.com](http://www.sdiario.com)

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## Piero Isgrò

# LA PORTA DIPINTA

### *The Painted Door*

With great sensitivity, Piero Isgrò talks about the fate of a man, a woman, a family, and an entire generation.

Genre: Novel

Pages: 248

Release: Sep 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

Prague, July 1969. Thousands of students from all over Europe are demonstrating in Wenceslas Square. Nicola, a Sicilian boy, is one of them, and when he meets Regina they both know it's love at first sight. But life soon gets in the way, and they have to part.

Years later, Nicola falls in love again with an English girl, and together they have a baby.

But he will eventually feel the urge to look for that other girl he had left behind – and so he will go once again to Prague, discovering that so much has happened that he didn't know about...

A professional journalist, **PIERO ISGRÒ** currently works at RAI television. He wrote several plays and novels.

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# Alessio Orgera I MARTIRI

## *Martyrs*

FINALIST AT 'ITALO CALVINO' PRIZE  
FOR DEBUT NOVELS

Genre: Novel

Pages: 100

Release: Sep 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

«A bitter investigation on power and its effects on masses and people's conscience. A truly interesting work.»

From the Jury of Premio Calvino

Romania, 1989. Photojournalist Grigore Romanov is living the last, stormy days prior the fall of Nicolae Ceaușescu's regime. His job at a Bucarest's newspaper will bring him to face all the contradictions of the Romanian revolution.

Alessio Orgera pieces together days, weeks and months of a tragic period of time, when the Communist power in Romania got erased in the name of freedom.

Born in 1984, **ALESSIO ORGERA** lived in Sweden and France before settling in Madrid. He works in the field of international cooperation for human rights. *Martyrs* is his debut novel.

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## Emanuele Pettener FLORIDIANA

### *I Was Young For a While (Then I Quit)*

«A novel about the life struggles of our time, from the narcissistic search for approval to the longing for eternal youth, with echoes of Roth and DeLillo. Clever, exciting and brilliant.»

*Pangea*

## AN EXQUISITE AND SACRILEGIOUS PORTRAIT OF THE U.S.A.

Genre: Novel

Pages: 236

Release: May 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

Full English  
translation  
available



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Boca Raton, Florida, 2016. After a whole life together and with the retirement years ahead of him, Thomas Gianni suddenly decides to leave his wife, April. This is the beginning of a backwards tale of Thomas' past: his marriage, the birth of his daughters, and most importantly the passion for writing that brought him and Juan together. Son of Cuban immigrants, Juan met Thomas during a creative writing class, and from the first moment it was clear that Juan, maybe unlike Thomas, was meant for great things. And then, one day, a tragic event turned Thomas' life upside down so deeply that he decided to give up writing for good.

Born near Venice, **EMANUELE PETTENER** is a teacher of Italian studies and a "writer in residence" at the Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. He published a number of essays on Italian and American periodicals, and several novels. One of his short-stories collections has been translated into English and published by Bordighera Press in USA.

### About the author and his previous titles:

«Elegant, refined, and  
a true talent.»

*Quotidiano Nazionale*

«Novel after novel,  
Pettener keeps collecting  
pearls.»

*SoloLibri*

«A little masterpiece  
that makes you laugh and  
think at the same time.»

*Corriere della Sera*

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# Adriana Valenti Sabouret

## MADAME DUPONT

### *Madame Dupont*

**AFTER HER FRENCH LITERARY DEBUT IN 2019 WITH ÉDITIONS DU PANTHÉON, ARKADIA NOW PUBLISHES ADRIANA VALENTI SABOURET'S FIRST ITALIAN NOVEL**

«A novel that brings to mind the tradition by Sergio Atzeni.  
There's always a need for books like this.»

*Transform*

Genre: Historical Novel

Pages: 216

Release: Jul 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**AN HISTORICAL NOVEL, THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED, THAT SHEDS LIGHTS ON A PORTION OF HISTORY OFTEN LEFT UNTOLD**

Giovanni Maria Angioy is on the run from Italy and the Savoy monarchy because of his revolutionary ideas. He finds shelter in Paris – the city of Robespierre, Danton and Marat, where the Revolution changed everything – and in the house of Madame Dupont, a smart and pragmatic woman who's willing to help him overcome the difficulties he had to face. But will her dedication be enough to make him forget about poverty, loneliness and nostalgia?

**ADRIANA VALENTI SABOURET** moved from Sicily to Paris when she was 25. She worked as a teacher at the Leonardo da Vinci Italian School and at Saint-Germain-en-Laye. French publisher Éditions du Panthéon published her French debut novel, *Le rêve d'Honoré*, in 2019. *Madame Dupont* is her Italian debut.

NARRATIVE  
NONFICTION



«Tito Barbini tells the extraordinary life of a forgotten man.»

*Toscanalibri*

«Talking about Radowitzky today is like returning to the true sense of the word "anarchist".»

*Librando Magazine*

## Tito Barbini IL FABBRICANTE DI GIOCATTOLE *The Toymaker*

THE FORGOTTEN STORY OF SIMÓN RADOWITZKY

During his life, Simón Radowitzky has been more than just a single man: anarchist, Russian, Jew, Argentinian, killer the police chief of Buenos Aires, prisoner, fugitive, war activist, exile – and toymaker. None of these labels could really describe who he really was and how painful every step of his journey proved to be – a journey that will eventually bring him to spend twenty years in a prison at the edge of the planet. At the time of this death, in 1956, the world was astonished by this elusive and contradictory character. But soon after, everyone forgot about him.

Through dense and heart-breaking pages, Tito Barbini recalls the life and story of a genuine rebel.

Genre: **Biography**

Pages: 160

Release: Apr 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**TITO BARBINI** had a long and prestigious career in local and regional politics. In 2004 he decided to change his whole life, starting with a 100-days-travel from Patagonia to Alaska. And then, a dozen of novels and non-fiction books followed.

FICTION



«A compelling novel that leads the reader through history and myths from Tuscany.»

*La Nazione*

## Mauro Caneschi LA CHIMERA DI VASARI *Vasari's Chimera*

Two brothers are spending some vacation time with Sonia, the girlfriend of one of them, when Sonia finds out that her father, a professor, has disappeared. The professor was studying a manuscript from Renaissance architect and painter Giorgio Vasari, where he revealed that he had found fragments of the Chimera, a bronze statue from the Etruscan period, but decided to hide them from the Medici family. The only record Vasari left of his discovery is a riddle that now Sonia and the two brothers must solve before someone else beat them to it.

Genre: **Thriller**

Pages: 192

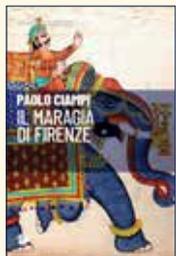
Release: Oct 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World

Born in Arezzo, Tuscany, **MAURO CANESCHI** studied at the Gemological Institute of America and is an expert in precious metals. He wrote on «Quotidiano Nazionale», «il Sole 24 Ore» among others. His previous novels have been nominated to several awards.

FICTION



Ciampi's awaited return after the success of *L'ambasciatore delle foreste (Woods Ambassador)*



NOMINATED BY GIUSEPPE CONTE

## Paolo Ciampi IL MARAGIÀ DI FIRENZE *The Florentine Maharaja*

**A SUGGESTIVE AND YET UNEXPLORED STORY, PAINTED ON THE BACKDROP OF AN UNFORGETTABLE FLORENCE.**

The first maharaja to arrive in Europe from India is little more than a teenager, still trapped in his dreams. His own life suddenly vanishes exactly like a dream: on his way back from England, where he paid homage to queen Victoria, he is struck by the beauty of Florence. And it's here that he dies.

Florence, at that time a capital city, breaks through mistrusts and prejudices to grant the maharaja a funeral following Hindu traditions.

For one, outstanding night, the Arno river turns into the Gange, and right where the unfortunate young man's body have been burned, now stands a Memorial to his life: a landmark that, season after season, calls for the author to give voice to that silent stone.

The result is a peculiar and fascinating journey, a bridge of words connecting the East and the West: Romantic poets, eccentric academics and explorers walk us through a commentary on being everyone different and the same, reflecting on the beauty of life in all its feebleness.

 Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 128

Release: Nov 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**PAOLO CIAMPI**, a Florentine journalist and writer, splits his time between a passion for travelling and the curiosity towards characters that got lost in history's folds. He penned around thirty books (published by Mursia, Vallecchi, Giuntina, Clichy, Arkadia) that granted him awards and theatrical adaptations. He's really engaged in promoting the social value of reading and takes part in many initiatives in schools.

FICTION



↑ READ THE FRENCH SAMPLE AT 'LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE ITALIENNE'

## Valentina Di Cesare L'ANNO CHE BARTOLO DECISE DI MORIRE *The Year Bartolo Chose to Die*

**Her previous novel has been translated into German, Spanish, and Romanian**

**WHAT'S THE LINE BETWEEN FRIENDSHIP AND SOLITUDE?**

Suffering from a deep depression, Bartolo is unable to share his burden with those close to him. Maybe it's because he's always been so well-behaved, empathic and generous. Or maybe because he's waiting for his lifelong friends to notice first what's happening to him. But everybody is entangled with their problems, even though they live in a small town where nothing can supposedly go unnoticed.

But then again, everything can change in the course of one day – the day Lucio, one of Bartolo's dearest friend and maybe the only one aware of what was going on, decided to kill himself.

 Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 200

Release: Mar 2019

Language: Italian

Rights: World

**Sold to:**  
· Egypt (Dar Dawen)

Born in Abruzzo in 1982, **VALENTINA DI CESARE** is a journalist and high school teacher. Her first novel, *Marta la sarta*, has been turned into a play and published in Austria/Germany, Spain, and Romania.

NARRATIVE  
NONFICTION



«Bizarre circumstances told with bravery and lightness in equal measure.»  
*la Repubblica*

«A creator of lives, whose ambition is to make us laugh and ponder.»  
*Huffington Post*

## Stefano Domenichini

# NON SAPEVO CHE PASSAVI

### *I Didn't Know You Were Coming*

FICTION AND REALITY PERFECTLY COMBINE  
THANKS TO AN EXPLOSIVE IMAGINATION

A COLLECTION OF HILARIOUS, JUICY,  
REAL AND MADE-UP BIOGRAPHIES

Based on real facts, these biographies – which works nicely as short stories as well – have mainly one thing in common: the author's clever and sarcastic voice. From poet Bob Kafman to sprinter Peter Norman, from Jonah the prophet to Benny Hill the comedian, and even Martin Luther, Lester Bangs and many more; Profiles and true-life anecdotes at the mercy of a brilliant storyteller.

Genre: Short-Stories

Pages: 128

Release: Dec 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World

Born in Reggio Emilia, **STEFANO DOMENICHINI** wrote a number of short-stories collection. And he keeps doing so.



FICTION



## Giuseppe Foderaro

# LA SANTITÀ DEL PADRE

### *Father's Holiness*

FAST-PACED, AND FULL OF TWISTS AND  
INTRIGUING SCENARIOS: A STORY OF SANCTITY  
AND SECRETS BEHIND THE VATICAN WALLS

After years of working as a tour guide, journalist and mountaineer, Lorenzo Coisson decides to return to Italy and to live in a Jesuit monastery in the mountains. But the peace and quietness that he longed for are soon spoiled by misunderstanding and troubles with the people around him. In order to find a new balance, Lorenzo takes father Osvaldo's care at heart, until the old man reveals to him some upsetting details about his past.

When Lorenzo's uncle – a priest as well, but mostly a father figure to him – is unexpectedly elected as Pope, Lorenzo moves to Rome to help with the Vatican's public affairs. This new task proves to be only the beginning of an unpredicted journey through a world of secrets and wonders – a world ruled by an unpredicted Fallen Angel.

Genre: Novel

Pages: 232

Release: Jun 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

Born in 1973, **GIUSEPPE FODERARO** lives in Milan. He studied at the Scuola Holden in Turin and he is an author of novels, dramatist and screenwriter. His latest book, *Esoscheletro distopico* (Mursia) had four editions in the first five months after publication.

FICTION



«A true Spanish novel,  
down to the core.»  
*Pulp Libri*

«A book of  
contradictions,  
of silences and noises,  
of attraction and  
abysses – reflecting  
its main characters  
and their differences.»  
*Tropismi*

## Alessandro Gianetti

# LA RAGAZZA ANDALUSA

### *The Girl from Andalusia*

A love story between an Andalusian girl and an Italian boy, written by the translator of Ricardo Piglia, Roberto Arlt and Federico García Lorca.

He moved to Madrid looking for some peace of mind; She is a young girl of particular temperament from Andalusia. Their meeting is a combination of mixed feelings, from the very first moment. But he will soon decide to follow her to Seville and then to little villages in Portugal, discovering that behind her façade lies an unpredictable and somehow deceitful girl. Alessandro Gianetti's debut is a novel filled with wild parties, exciting characters and good readings – but most of all, the beating heart of Spanish nightlife.

Genre: **Novel**  
Pages: 180  
Release: Nov 2020  
Language: Italian  
Rights: World

Born in Florence in 1976, **ALESSANDRO GIANETTI** has been living in Spain for many years, working as a writer, journalist and translator.

FICTION



↑ READ THE  
ENGLISH SAMPLE!



↑ READ THE  
FRENCH SAMPLE!

## Francesca Mazzucato

# LA COLLAGISTA

### *The Collagist*

AN INTIMATE, SKILLFULLY  
CRAFTED NOVEL, FEMININE,  
AND SCATHING.  
THE GREAT RETURN OF  
FRANCESCA MAZZUCATO.

Her previous books have been published in France (Robert Laffont, 10/18 and Blanche), Spain (Ediciones B and Tusquets), Germany (Ullstein) and Greece (Travlos).

She's a lone woman, living in Paris and working as a collagist. She doesn't have a name and doesn't want one. She's on the run from her past identity, from anything she has lived through – and that won't let her go. All her life she felt hunted down and chased after.

Now she hides. From whom or what, no one knows.

At least, not right away.

Page after page the mystery unravels, following its carrier's disquiet and the tightrope of her existence. We move with her across liminal spaces: hotel rooms, brasseries, talks with strangers.

She can only rest when she's busy cutting out and pasting pictures that come to life on cardboard, black or white paper sheets, or canvas.

What is she hiding, though? Collage after collage, the story comes to the light with all the power of a hurricane, while her mystery fades in and out.

Genre: **Novel**  
Pages: 120  
Release: Nov 2020  
Language: Italian  
Rights: World

A writer, translator and collagist, **FRANCESCA MAZZUCATO** is also an English and French teacher both in Italy and abroad. Her books have been translated by very important publishing houses to French, German, Spanish and Greek, and her short stories are featured in American anthologies (by Akashic Books). She won many awards, including 'Premio Fiuggi' and 'Premio Argentario'. She wrote a number of novels, including *Hot line. Storia di un'ossessione* (Einaudi) and several others published by Marsilio, Castelvecchi, etc. She's part of the artistic direction of Paris Collage Collective. Her works have been showcased in Rotterdam, Zurich and Barcelona.

FICTION



FINALIST AT 'ITALO CALVINO' PRIZE AND 'FONDAZIONE MEGAMARK' PRIZE

## Federico Muzzu INVECE CHE UNO *To Break a Soul in Two*

An overflowing novel, which is capable of questioning the certainties of each of us.

What we understand from the first pages of this novel is that Lorenzo and Dionigi are twin brothers whose lives have been tainted by an "original sin": after murdering his wife, their father was probably aiming at killing his sons too. But we also understand straight away that Lorenzo and Dionigi, now 18 years old, are missing.

From this point forward, we go back in time to discover what actually happened; back to a Saturday morning in Bologna when a quarrel broke out between the two brothers. Consuelo, a mutual friend, and Agnese, Dionigi's girlfriend, maybe played a part in that quarrel. Or maybe it was the fact that Dionigi beat up Raffaele, one of their classmates who is affected by mental illness. Or then again, maybe it had something to do with Andrea, the teacher who's helping Raffaele to deal with his problems, or with Pierpaolo, school's shrink and new boyfriend of Agnese's mother.

What could look like the typical plot of a young adult novel is actually a deep and sharp investigation on today's youth – and a dark, symbolic and possibly unsolvable relationship between two souls that, before they took their first breath, were actually just one.

Genre: Novel

Pages: 228

Release: May 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World

THE JURY OF 'PREMIO CALVINO' PRAISED THE NOVEL AS AN «ORIGINAL EXPLORATION OF THE DIALECTIC OF OPPOSITES THAT CULMINATES IN AN EXPLOSIVE AND DISTURBING FINALE».

Born in 1984, **FEDERICO MUZZU** lives in Bologna where he works as a nude model at the Academy of Fine Arts.



FICTION



WINNER OF THE 2020 'GIALLO AL CENTRO' PRIZE

2020 'PREMIO STREGA' NOMINEE  
by Giulia Ciarapica (writer)

## Rosario Palazzolo LA VITA SCHIFA *Lousy Life*

A NOVEL ABOUT GUILT AND THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF REDEMPTION

Palermo, Sicily, 2007. A man – a dead man – recounts the last year of his life. His name was Ernesto, and he was a killer by profession. He was a good man – and a bad man; and a very sensitive one. His childhood has been without hopes and his teenage years shameful, until something finally happened – but then death had the last word. Now he's talking about the impossibility of redemption, since redemption is something that aims at erasing the guilt, to try and forget it. But guilt is not something to be forgotten.

Genre: Novel

Pages: 202

Release: Jan 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World

«*La vita schifa* is a totally unintentional masterpiece.»

*Pangea*

Writer, director and actor, **ROSARIO PALAZZOLO** wrote several plays and novels. In 2016 he won the National Theatre Critics Prize. Amongst others, he starred in *Il traditore*, a movie by Marco Bellocchio.



Erasmus of Rotterdam stated that  
«Best ideas don't come from reason but from a lucid visionary folly.»  
These words have been Pessime Idee' stepping stone.

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FICTION



# Ilaria Boria

## LE FORMICHE CANTANO SOTTO LA NEVE

### *Ants Sing Under the Snow*

«A story that investigates the complex fragility of human relationships.»

*Critica Letteraria*

«A novel where class differences dictate the pace of events.»

*il Resto del Carlino*

«A great story, powerful and exciting, characterized in detail, very well built and with formidable protagonists.»

*Convenzionali*

Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 256

Release: Feb 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World



↑ READ THE ENGLISH SAMPLE!

Anna had a very hard childhood living with her father, Fosco, a frustrated, violent man, so weak that he needed to vent his anger on the women of the family, and with her mother, Anita, a timid and compliant woman. The spite and abuse she lived with engendered anxiety and uncertainties in Anna, who increasingly escapes in Amalia, an imaginary person who lives the life that Anna would have liked, without worries, as if the past had left no trace.

Anna's fantasies remain unconscious until the suicide of her fiancé, Alberto, a gay man, that upsets her balance and leads Anna to reshape Amalia's world into a world where Alberto never took his own life.

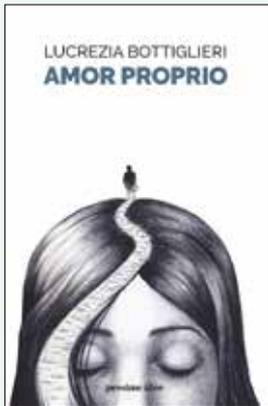
Anna is increasingly unable to differentiate between real and imaginary life and therefore considers Amalia a friend with whom to share her life. Amalia is outgoing and charming, a solid and secure woman. Anna, on the other hand, is fragile and introverted, and finds it hard to get free from her memories. And while Amalia stays with Alberto, Anna has a story with Zeno, a story full of ups and downs. The lives of the two young women run parallel until Amalia disappears, compelling a pregnant Anna to try and find her and relive the past she had tried to leave behind.

At the end of this journey, Anna will finally manage to come to terms with Amalia, accepting the turn of events, knowing that she could have done nothing to change it and realising that Amalia's imagined life was far from perfect.

**ILARIA BORIA** was born in 1987 near Ancona, graduated in law and became a lawyer, with a PhD in Law, Economy and Society. She is a civil servant, lives in Como with her husband Emanuele and her son Jacopo. In 2013 she published an essay on *Social housing as a universal right to a home and residence-based discrimination*, and in 2017 another one titled *Payment for health care and assessment of the Essential Levels of Care*.

Her excellent analytical qualities are clear in the pages of *Ants sing under the snow*, in which Boria examines the most hidden and subterranean human relational dynamics.

FICTION



Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 320

Release: Jun 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World



↑ READ THE ENGLISH SAMPLE!

# Lucrezia Bottiglieri

## AMOR PROPRIO

### *Self-Love*

**WITH A NARRATIVE DEVICE REMINISCENT OF *SOPHIE'S WORLD*, LUCREZIA BOTTIGLIERI WRITES WITH A LIGHT, DESCRIPTIVE STYLE THAT SHAKES THE FIRMEST OF CONSCIENCES**

What is *Self-Love* if not an act of egoism? Sometimes people admire it, sometimes they despise it. A letter containing the first words spoken by a father to the daughter he abandoned twenty-five years before, a young woman on the verge of marriage and a trip to various destinations. These are the ingredients of Amelia's story. The young woman will read her father's letter with astonishment, happiness and hate, as he expresses not one word of repentance or justification, only an attempt to explain that it was the right choice. This show of egoism shall lead Amelia to look for her father and his "right" reasons. A novel reminiscent of the movies *PS. I Love You* and *Fathers and Daughters*, with a hint of *Sophie's World*. The fortitude of a daughter who does not want to be abandoned.

«Resilience. This is the keyword of "Amor proprio".»

*Quotidiano Giovani*

«A delicate novel about parental relationships.»

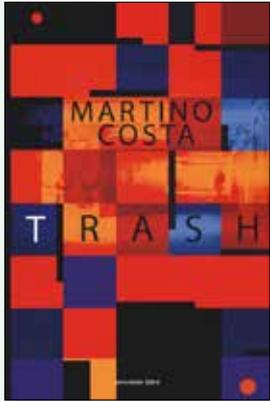
*Roma Daily News*

«"Amor proprio" is a coming-of-age novel, born from the author's studies.»

*AgoraNews*

**LUCREZIA BOTTIGLIERI** is a psychologist studying to become a psychotherapist. Already in her teens, while studying humanities, she became interested in psychology, in an attempt to understand herself and her story better. This inner urge to understand herself and her world is at the roots of "Self love". While studying at university she collaborated in the writing of a book on the history of clinical psychology and wrote some articles on psychological themes. She graduated with honours and immediately started working as a crèche educator and co-ordinator of Psychoeducation groups together with a colleague and friend. She is currently working as a psychologist in a private practice and as an ABA therapist in a neuropsychiatry centre.

FICTION

Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 282

Release: Apr 2021

Language: Italian

Rights: World

↑ READ THE  
ENGLISH SAMPLE!

## Martino Costa

# TRASH

### *Trash*

**SHORTLISTED FOR 2020 'ITALO CALVINO' PRIZE**

An interconnection of stories developing against the background of a trade union war, in a city that is slowly drowning in waste. The dignity of work, the opacity of power, the short and destructive path of crime, immigration, the daily struggle for survival and love, in all its myriad facets, are the themes that run through this choral novel, which comes to life on the outskirts of north-eastern Italy, amidst hills, vineyards, industrial hubs and ever-expanding construction sites.

There are two types of Trash here: physical trash, that pollutes the streets, people, homes, and that is steadily growing as the waste collectors' strike described in the novel goes on. And then there is metaphorical trash: human rubbish, made up of outcasts, prostitutes, immigrants, ex-junkies... In short, all those who cannot hope to climb the social ladder, who are destined to be eternally discarded.

**MARTINO COSTA** was born in Milan in 1974, graduated in Philosophy from the Università Statale with a dissertation on Kafka and Kierkegaard. Later he specialised in applied cultural anthropology and obtained a master's degree in development projects management. He studied musical composition and the cello at the G. Verdi Music School in Milan. He has been working as a humanitarian aid worker in various countries and war theatres since 2013: he was in Darfur, Sri Lanka, Gaza, South Sudan, Uganda, Syria, Pakistan, Lebanon, Iraq.

He published his first novel, *Omar* with Bietti Edizioni in 2018 and in 2020 his novel *Trash* was shortlisted for the 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Italo Calvino Literary Prize for Debut Authors.

He married Frosse, a Palestinian woman from Jerusalem and he currently lives in Amman where he works for the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.

«The language is rough, very effective, which contributes to the credibility of a fascinating text, capturing the reader with the unfolding of a dramatic reality in action.»

The 'Italo Calvino Prize' reading committee

FICTION



Genre: Crime Novel

Pages: 224

Release: Jun 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World



↑ READ THE ENGLISH SAMPLE!

## Lorenzo Mazzone NERO FERRARESE *Ferrara Black*

«Tired, lazy, likeable and very, very anarchic. No other policeman in the world is like inspector Malatesta.»

**Enrico Remmert**

«Malatesta is a unique character in a world of fakes. His being anarchic and irreverent pushes him out of synch with the system and makes him witty and amusing. Lorenzo Mazzone has his own world and Malatesta tells us about it.»

**Enrico Pandiani**

Three shots: left hand, chest and shoulder This is how the extreme right-winger was found dead in his car. Ferrara, still in shock after the Aldrovandi killing, plunges into the fear of political attacks. Pietro Malatesta, a police inspector with a natural anarchic bent, will investigate a murder with dubious causes. Red Brigades? NAR? Ferrara is looking for truth. A thriller perfectly balanced between the investigation and the inspector's lively private life, made of a few, shady friendships and a passion for the Spal football club. With the help of Gavino Apuntato, the only policeman who can work with him, inspector Malatesta shall try everything to solve the case.

**LORENZO MAZZONI** is a journalist writing for *Il Fatto Quotidiano*, and was born in Ferrara in 1974. He lived in London, Istanbul, Paris, Sana'a, Hurgada and spent long periods in Morocco, Romania, Vietnam and Laos. Writer, essayist and reporter, he has published several novels, including *Quando le chitarre facevano l'amore* (Edizioni Spartaco, 2015), for which he received the Premio Liberi di Scrivere award. Several of his reportages and short stories were published in *il Manifesto*, *il Reportage*, *East Journal*, *Scoprire Istanbul*, *Reporter* and *Torno Giovedì*. He teaches creative writing at "Corsi Corsari" and consults for several publishing houses. In 2015 he became a member of Mille Battute, a cultural container of human experiences that promotes writing, reporting and photography workshops around the world.

«His most spontaneous and genuine book.»

*Culturalismi*

«Malatesta lives with his extended family, atypical and colorful, in the multiethnic "banlieu" of Ferrara, which brings to mind the literary saga of Daniel Pennac's *Malaussène*.»

*Mangialibri*

When Lorenzo Mazzone wrote his first Inspector Malatesta book, he had several investigations running through his head.

This is why he wrote several books at the same time. To date, there are already three complete Inspector Malatesta books: *Nero ferrarese*, *Il recinto delle capre*, *Il cinematografo*. Each book develops on two levels: a more independent one, the investigation that is the focus of the specific book, and the thread that runs through the whole saga, the controversial – in some cases unruly – life of the inspector, a life that strongly conditions his troubled relationship with the reader.

FICTION



Genre: **Novel**

Pages: 462

Release: Oct 2020

Language: Italian

Rights: World



↑ READ THE ENGLISH SAMPLE!

# Enrico Renzi

## LA TOMBA DI PASCUCCI

### *The Pascucci Tomb*

**LONGLISTED FOR 2021 'JOHN FANTE' DEBUT PRIZE**  
**SHORTLISTED FOR 2019 'ITALO CALVINO' PRIZE**

«Told in a vivacious and humorous way, thanks also to the peculiar speak of the Lazio Maremma, the story is interesting, with a lot of attention to details and lexicon: when telling of Etruscan tombs, or feelings, or descriptions.»

The 'Italo Calvino' Prize reading committee

«Ironic, clever, original.»  
*il Fatto Quotidiano*

«A tragicomic novel, characterized by great vivacity, and by an almost black humor.»

*Critica Letteraria*

Tarquini, Lazio coastline, in the 1980s, between the sea and the tombs. Not your usual tombs, the tombs of the Etruscan necropolis, rich in precious relics. Here the Pascucci family spend most of their time, and here they practice their trade of grave robbers. During one of their nightly excursions in the necropolis, three Pascucci brothers are arrested and a fourth will die, shot accidentally. The "Frenchman", their accomplice, shall escape.

The story is told by Giuseppe, the son of Ottavio Pascucci, who is considered the black sheep of the family because he is educated and not inclined to fraud. Fate shall lead Giuseppe to meet the "Frenchman", who has been missing for years and who was considered responsible for tipping off the police on that fateful night.

Lively and humorous, the story soon becomes a means to describe a world, the world of the Pascucci family, made of predators and deceit, but also of redemption. A light-hearted narration with intense moments, that highlights a considerable narrative flair and a mature, ironic and whimsical writing style.

**ENRICO RENZI** was born in Rome in 1969. This work is his submission to the thirty-second edition of the Calvino Prize and was singled out by the reading committee for the originality of the story and above all for the maturity of his writing.

«*The Pascucci Tomb* has all the makings of a good novel with intelligent irony and a curious setting. [...] The voices of the characters are well defined and the writing shines for its subtly ironic language, characterised by a hybrid lexicon that combines cultured and popular terms. [...] The features that, here and there, bring Renzi's text in the realm of Italian comedy, with less bitter tones, albeit veiled in melancholy, are not at all obvious».