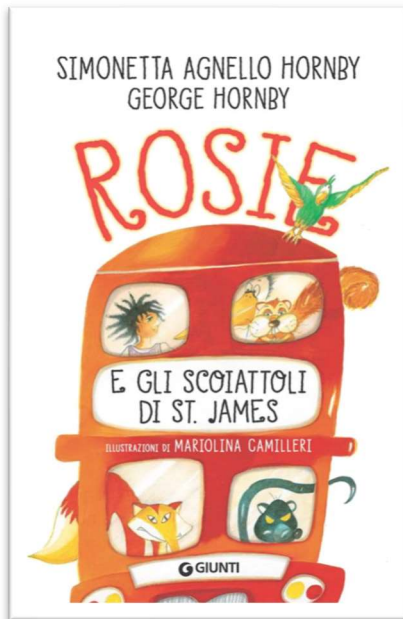


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CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG READERS' CATALOG





Author: SIMONETTA AGNELLO HORNBY & GEORGE HORNBY

**Title: ROSIE AND THE SQUIRRELS OF ST. JAMES
(ROSIE E GLI SCOIATTOLI DI ST. JAMES)**

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Rosie is nine years old and she often spends her time on London's red buses during the holidays. Her parents are both drivers and, when their shifts coincide, they have no choice but to take her with them through the streets of the city. On the day of the referendum, the parents take Rosie to St. James Park. Their mission is to find the famous squirrels that have a home there. But how come there is no sign of them? And how come, as the park warden tells her, the nests are empty and the pelicans have taken refuge on the lake island? The great adventure begins at the foot of a large oak tree. There, a secret world is revealed to Rosie's eyes, and she finds herself in the middle of a battle: foxes and rats, natives of the park, want to chase away the newcomers once and for all in order to reclaim their land, but squirrels, pelicans and parrots are ready to resist.

Through Rosie's eyes, one wonders: where is 'home' for each of us? What does it mean to belong to a country or a city, what does it mean to be "native" to a place? Do we not all, in some way, come from somewhere else? Perhaps then, what matters is how we manage to be together, with our differences that we carry around like a snail its shell, yet with the desire to share a country, a city, a park, a friendship.

Simonetta Agnello Hornby was born in Palermo in 1945. She has lived in London since 1972 and is an Italian and British citizen. After graduating in law from the University of Palermo, she practised as a lawyer by opening the law firm 'Hornby&Levy' in Brixton, specialising in family and children's law. She has taught child law in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Leicester and was part-time President of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal for eight years. *La Mennulara*, her first novel, published by Feltrinelli in 2002 has been translated worldwide. Since then he has published several books including *La zia Marchesa* (Feltrinelli, 2004), *Boccamurata* (Feltrinelli, 2007), *Vento scomposto* (Feltrinelli, 2009), *La monaca* (Feltrinelli, 2010), *Camera oscura* (Skira, 2010), *Il veleno dell'oleandro* (Feltrinelli, 2013), *Il male che si deve raccontare* (with Marina Calloni; Feltrinelli, 2013), *Via XX Settembre* (Feltrinelli, 2013), *Caffè amaro* (Feltrinelli, 2016), *Nessuno può volare* (Feltrinelli, 2017). In 2017, he contributed a short story to the collection *Un anno in giallo* (Sellerio), together with Andrea Camilleri, Esmahan Aykol, Gian Mauro Costa, Alicia Giménez-Bartlett, Marco Malvaldi, Antonio Manzini, Santo Piazzese, Francesco Recami, Alessandro Robecchi, Gaetano Savatteri, Fabio Stassi; in 2018 he published, with Massimo Fenati, *the graphic novel*

La Mennulara (Feltrinelli, 2018). He has also published highly successful cookery-related books with a strong narrative component: *Un filo d'olio* (Sellerio, 2011), *La cucina del buon gusto* (with Maria Rosario Lazzati; Feltrinelli, 2012), *La pecora di Pasqua* (with Chiara Agnello; Slow Food, 2012) and *Il pranzo di Mosè* (Giunti, 2014).

He also published *La mia Londra* (Giunti, 2014), a personalised guide/memoir of London and the children's story *Rosie and the Squirrels of St. James* (with George Hornby; Giunti, 2018). All his books have been best sellers and have sold more than a million copies in Italy. On 2 June 2016, the President of the Republic honoured her with the Order of the Star of Italy in the rank of Grand Officer. Her latest book, *Era un bravo ragazzo* (Mondadori, 2023), is set in Sicily and tells a family affair, a mirror of society in the 1980s.



Author: SIMONA BALDELLI

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(LA NEVE FINCHÉ CADE)

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Publication: 29th September, 2021

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A BOOK THAT WAS AHEAD OF ITS TIME AND ANTICIPATED THE PROLONGED DROUGHTS THAT HAVE AFFECTED EUROPE AND THE WORLD IN RECENT MONTHS.

AN ECOLOGIST CRIME NOVEL THAT, IN AN ADVENTUROUS AND ORIGINAL WAY, DELVES INTO THE WORLD OF TEENAGERS AND THE NEW “POLITICS” THEY FIGHT AGAINST. A STORY ABOUT THE HEROISM OF BOYS AND GIRLS OF THIS GENERATION AIMING TO SAVE THE WORLD.

She felt a lump in her throat. «Man is such a foolish creature» she murmured, «so much waste of raw materials to turn on lights that aren't necessary, taking the risk that soon there will be nothing left to see».

A dive into a new life in a Swiss boarding school, Clevermind, in the year in which the world is opening up after the pandemic. Lisa is 15 years old and has many insecurities, but she also has one goal: to fight for environmental protection. A goal that she shares with Inés, her best friend, and Colm O’Keeffe, a green-eyed Irish student who pushes her to believe in herself: «You are... different. You are intelligent and say interesting things». It is actually Inés’ father, a famous scientist, who is about to reveal to the world the important finding of a non-polluting and low-cost water engine. But all of a sudden, while outside it is snowing and the landscape surrounding them is truly magical, everything appears to come crumbling down. There is something unexplainable in the History professor’s abrupt departure, and also Inés, who has flown to New York without notice, is now sending her e-mails that make no sense. So Lisa plays Sherlock, as Colm jokingly calls her, to try and solve the enigma of those “disappearances”. The noise coming from the underground pipes at night, what is it? And why do all the clues seem to lead to the Cave of the hands? A novel about friendships that turn into love, the courage of becoming who you are and an entire generation hoping to be able to intervene on the Climate before it’s too late, because they know that to change the world is up to all of us.

Simona Baldelli was born in Pesaro and lives in Rome. Her first novel, *Evelina e le Fate* (“Evelina and the Fairies”, Giunti 2013) was **shortlisted at the Italo Calvino Prize** and she was **the winner of the John Fante Literary Prize** in 2013. She has published *Il Tempo Bambino* (“Child Time”, Giunti 2014), *La Vita a Rovescio* (“Life Inside Out”, Giunti 2016), *L’Ultimo Spartito di Rossini* (“Rossini’s Last Musical

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Score", Piemme 2018), *Vicolo dell'Immaginario* ("The Alley of Imagination", Sellerio, 2019), *Fiaba di Natale*, ("Christmas Fairy Tale", Sellerio, November 2020) and *Alfonsina e la Strada* ("Alfonsina and the Road", Sellerio, April 2021).



Author: DEVIS BELLUCCI

Title: WHY DOES A FORK HAVE NO FLAVOR? AND OTHER CURIOUS QUESTIONS TO UNDERSTAND SCIENCE WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

(PERCHÉ LA FORCHETTA NON SA DI NIENTE? E ALTRE DOMANDE CURIOSI PER CAPIRE LA SCIENZA SENZA USCIRE DI CASA)

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Our city and our home are concentrate of advanced materials and technologies, things that happen and behind which - I assure you - some amazing "why". Here, in this book, I will try to give you some answers without frightening you with scientific laws and equations. I will try to explain to you, basically, what happens when things happen. Devis Bellucci

A JOURNEY IN SCIENCE STARTING FROM THE MOST COMMON OBJECTS. A BRILLIANT EDUCATIONAL BOOK

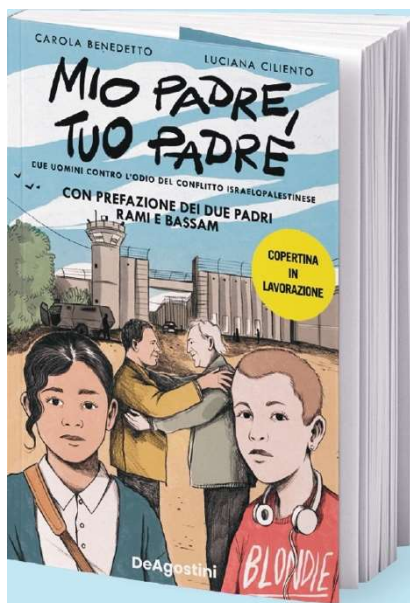
Have you ever wondered why glass is transparent and the wall no? And why the soap bubbles are they spherical and not pyramidal? Or, again, how a trivial one works drinking straw? Or how the slime is made and how many. How often can a sheet of paper be folded? The world around you, starting with objects and materials you are dealing with every day, even the most banal, hides stories and secrets just waiting to be revealed. Devis Bellucci guides you like an explorer on a journey inside the house, room per room, answering the most absurd doubts without using formulas or big words, but with simple explanations and easy examples that you will allow to understand, "in practice", why things are as they are. And they'll make you appreciate being a curious person as well full of desire to discover.

Because the questions "are everywhere, scattered like confetti after a carnival banquet. Recognize them, before science, leads to amazement, and this makes our world a really interesting place".

Our home is full of materials, substances and advanced technologies, and behind them there are incredibly interesting stories. Crystals sparkling as soon as we crush them, plastics derived from corn, foams with a long memory, that are able to remember their shape. Every day, amid the endless objects surrounding us, we unknowingly turn the pages of an encyclopedia of physics and chemistry. **For children and young adults**, their home is a special place for discovery, it's their micro-world (perhaps a bit too much, lately!). In *Why does a fork have no flavor?* Devis Bellucci, Materials Science teacher and researcher, tells the stories and the whys

of many everyday objects. Exploring a hypothetical house, from the kitchen to the living room, from the bathroom to the bedroom to the garage, the readers will find out, in a simple and captivating way, why glass is transparent and walls aren't, why cutlery has no flavor, if a plate of ragù pasta has more energy than a teaspoon of gasoline... And much, much more. **A journey in science starting from our daily routine and the questions we've all wondered about, taking full advantage of a precious resource we all have at our disposal: curiosity.**

Devis Bellucci (1977) is a researcher in Materials Science and Technology at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Writer, journalist and blogger, former school teacher, he collaborated with various newspapers and magazines, such as «Vanity Fair». He published *Guida ai luoghi geniali. Le mete più curiose in Italia tra scienza, tecnologia e natura per piccoli e grandi esploratori* ("Guide to brilliant places. The most interesting destinations in Italy for science, technology and nature for young and adult explorers", Ediciclo, 2019), and, recently, the essay *Materiali per la vita* ("Materials for life", Bollati Boringhieri, 2022).



Author: CAROLA BENEDETTO, LUCIANA CILIENTO

Title: MY FATHER, YOUR FATHER
(MIO PADRE, TUO PADRE)

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THE MOVING TRUE STORY OF TWO FATHERS, RAMI ELHANAN AND BASSAM ARAMIN, WHO EACH LOST A DAUGHTER IN THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT AND FOUND A WAY TO UNITE AGAINST HATRED.

**WHEN GRIEF AND HOPE, SHARED BY BOTH SIDES OF THE WALL,
BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON OF PEACE.**

Rami Elhanan is Israeli and lost his 13-year-old daughter Smadar, killed in the centre of Jerusalem by two Hamas suicide bombers while shopping with friends. Bassam Aramin is Palestinian and his ten-year-old daughter Abir was shot dead outside school by a hard rubber bullet fired by a young Israeli soldier.

Rami and Bassam come from two tragically opposite cultures, growing up in contexts marked by hatred and misunderstanding. The loss of their daughters represents a turning point: Rami discovers suffering on the other side of the wall, while Bassam, scarred by brutal imprisonment, embarks on a path towards non-violence.

The two men, united by pain, meet and become 'brothers' in a difficult but necessary common ground. They are part of the Parents Circle, an intercultural group of Israeli and Palestinian parents who, despite their pain, seek reconciliation through a path of dialogue and mutual understanding.

Two fathers is the true story of two men, and two families, special that with great effort, every day, overcome the pressures of prejudice and the temptation of revenge to bring everywhere a message of reconciliation, the only chance to free the two peoples from the hatred that corrodes them.

Thanks to the collaboration offered by the protagonists, and their enthusiastic commitment to contribute to the authenticity of our project of story, we are sure that the stories of the two fathers will be a valuable tool of knowledge and inspiration, as never needed today, and as we see, even more in the days to come.

PROJECT GUIDELINES:

STRUCTURE: The voice narrating is that of the two daughters who alternate starting from a few moments before their death. The story continues to give voice to the lives of their fathers at their age, until today. The text closes with a symbolic act of sisterhood between the girls, to seal the fact that these two brave families, these two fathers, as these two peoples, are brothers.

KEYWORDS: Israel; Palestine; Rami Elhanan; Bassam Aramin; war; peace; hatred; acceptance; tolerance; culture; family; modern history; brotherhood; death; rebirth; reconciliation; hope.

THEMES: Arab-Palestinian question; terrorism; war; peace; cultural disarmament; friendship; love; fatherhood; brotherhood.

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Chapter 1

Jerusalem, 1997. My name is Smadar, I am Israeli and I am 13 years old. That morning I did not have to go to babysit. I was free, finally. I called my friends to take a walk in the city. I wanted to buy some books and then I would go to sign up for a jazz dance course. My father told me not to be late and my mother, as usual, to be careful. I took the white headphones, the player with Sinead O'Connor's songs and went out. The day was bright, we laughed a lot. At one point the darkness. [...]

Chapter 2

At my age, my father Rami Elhanan was attending school. He knew all about the Holocaust and swore that he would never go to Germany. The other subjects did not interest him very much. He preferred to make a fool and play jokes on teachers. In fact, they expelled him. [...]

Chapter 3

Anata, 2007. I am Abir, a Palestinian who just turned 10. I love school. That morning I was also left before home to arrive on time. At halftime I went out with a friend and my older sister Areen to buy some candy. I'm crazy about it. I went into the shop, bought two candy bracelets and left. I gave one to my sister and put the other back in the folder. Turned the corner I felt a bang and then the dark. [...]

Chapter 4

As a child my father, Bassam Aramin, lived in a cave outside the city of Hebron. Yes, really, a fully furnished cave. He was a good kid at school, but he was more interested in making the Israeli soldiers angry: with his friends he hoisted the Palestinian flag and waited for them to come and pull it down and throw stones at him. With the brothers, they prepared stones carefully. They colored them red, green, white and black. They ordered them well in the caves and imagined plans of attack. [...]

Chapter 5

When he was 18, my father Rami went to the military service: he thought it would be a walk in the park. Everyone did it. If you didn't do it, you were different, a strange one, and he didn't even think about isolating himself. He never confessed to me but I think he had no desire to leave the comforts of home and the kitchen of grandmother. It was always a good fork. [...]

Chapter 6

My father Bassam was 17 when he and his friends found grenades in a cave and used them in an attack. That time it didn't go well and my father was arrested by Israeli soldiers and taken to Beersheba, the prison in Hebron. [...]

Chapter 7

When he came back from the Yom Kippur war, my father Rami had long hair. He was exhausted. It was 1973 and he wanted to dive into life. He started working as a graphic designer and met Nurit, my mother. [...]

Chapter 8

After the first three years in prison, my father Bassam had become a leader and started studying. He had set a tight schedule: lessons in English, Hebrew, Arab history, Israeli law, the fall of the Ottoman Empire, history of

the Zionist movement, pre-Islamic poetry, geography of the Middle East. <<*Know your enemy, know yourself*>> had become his motto. One evening while enjoying a documentary about the Holocaust, something unexpected happened. He would have liked to continue to applaud, but felt like a punch in the stomach. He began to wonder why none of them had reacted. Something inside him had broken. It was then that in his readings came had broken. It was then that in his readings came Martin Luther King and Ghandi. [...]

Chapter 9

Rami and my mother Nurit got married in a hurry, crazy with love and passion. The work was going well. All the posters of Jerusalem came from my father's pen. And among the various creations we children also arrived: Elik, Guy, Yigal and I. My father started to relax, earn more and gain more. Wars didn't touch him. Even if he was part of it. He was only interested in life in his bubble. <<*How would we Israelis survive without the Palestinians? Who would repair our refrigerators on Saturday, the day of Shabbat, rest?*>> said. Happy years. [...]

Chapter 10

In 1992 my father Bassam was finally released. He was 24 years old and had never held a girl's hand. When my mother's grandmother, her sisters, brothers and cousins came into the house, they were all lined up in the room. My grandfather was waiting for him in his room.

<<*Does it bother you if I smoke?*>> My mother also smoked, but the hookah was only when my grandfather did not see it. From a stereo came out the music of Abu Arab. They married thirty-four days later, because my father was in a hurry to resume his frozen life. My older brother was called Araab, like the singer but with two "a". I, Abir Aramin, came later, in 1997. [...]

Chapter 11

In that same year I died.

I was walking down Ben Yehuda Street and, in my headphones, went *Nothing Compares 2 U*. [...]

Chapter 12

The life of my family in Anata and the Palestinians in general was not a walk in the park. One of the things that my father Bassam hated most were, and are, the checkpoints. I tried not to think too much about bad things: I went to school, loved math and dreamed of being an engineer. <<*When it is my turn - I said - then I will change things*>>. [...]

Chapter 13

That attack not only killed me, but also the peace of my family. I was worried about my brothers in those days. For my father Rami, swollen with hatred and wonder. At first my mother held on. For her it was always the fault of the government and the Occupation. Not of those who blew themselves up behind my back. He also kicked out Netanyahu who wanted to go and visit them at home during the days of mourning. Then it broke apart and went to London with my little brother. I'd like to go back and put everything back together. Start from the day I was born, from the hospital of Hadassah in Jerusalem. [...]

Chapter 14

In that hospital I died. Twenty minutes from the Wall. After being stuck in an ambulance hours later. At the checkpoint it works like this. No order is passed. And the order never arrived. My father was in the ambulance with me. He held my hand. At my bedside, in the room, there were all the Israeli friends and the Palestinian ones. There was even the former part-time guard from Hebron prison. Above all, there was your father Rami. Good, because I thought my heart could be broken. [...]

Chapter 15

My father Rami wanted to be alone at first. His bubble had exploded in the worst way. A year after my death, in 1998, she met a man named Yitzhak Frankenthal. He too had lost his son Arik, a few years earlier. But instead

of cursing Hamas and the whole universe, he had founded an association of Israelis and Palestinians, of parents, but also of brothers, cousins, sisters, grandparents who had suffered as he did. He called it the Parents Circle. My father was very angry with Frankenthal at first, because he said that he took his pain for granted, then one evening he agreed to participate. But only once, it was said. [...]

Chapter 16

My father Bassam wakes up every morning at dawn. Since my room is empty, he needs to go out early. He goes to the mosque before prayers, wants silence. He has trouble waking up. Like your father Rami ten years ago, he feels lost. One day he called your father and said: <<*I come to the Parents Circle, I need it*>>. He seeks peace, but he wants justice. He decided to denounce the Israeli government for my death. [...]

Chapter 17

My father Rami says that your accent is funny, you know Abir? But you can't go a day without seeing him and chatting with him. They have left part of their work and together they travel the world to talk about peace. They never leave each other, and if they do not see each other, they can call each other on the phone. <<*It makes us feel better*>> say. [...]

Chapter 18

Our brothers are together on a stage to embrace and talk about forgiveness, reconciliation. Who would have thought about it. [...]

Chapter 19

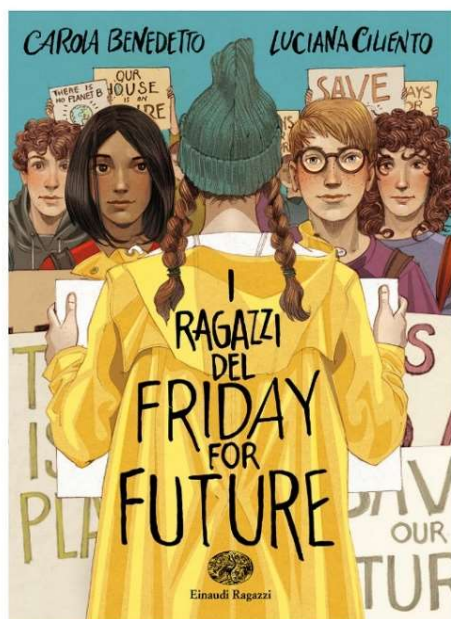
Today is a difficult day. Today is 7 October 2024. [...]

Conclusion

Sitting on a bench, Abir and Smadar shake hands. At Smadar's wrist is a bracelet of pink candies.

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A BOOK ABOUT HOW A YOUNG GENERATION FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD UNITED IN A GLOBAL WAVE AGAINST THE CLIMATE CRISIS

A PASSIONATE TALE OF ADVENTURE, IN LOVE WITH THE EARTH AND READY TO FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GRETA THUNBERG'S COURAGE, A NOVEL SYMBOLISING THE YOUNG GENERATION UNFOLDS: FOUR INSEPARABLE FRIENDS, THOUGH DIFFERENT AND DISTANT, CHOOSE TO JOIN THE FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE NETWORK AND FIGHT TO SAVE THE PLANET, OUR ONLY HOME

A NOVEL CELEBRATING FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE, THE FIRST GLOBAL MOVEMENT HEADED BY TEENAGERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD FIGHTING AGAINST THE CLIMATE CRISIS, IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GRETA THUNBERG

In an ecological campus in the heart of the Black Forest, directed by a bizarre, unconventional activist professor, destiny brings together four Generation Z teenagers: one as a punishment, twins Luca and Fra, fresh out of high school; one to find answers, the fearful Nigel, who flew from Miami pretending to take a German course; and one, like the Chilean Mapuche Hilda, to give a voice to the indigenous people to which she belongs and save them from the indiscriminate exploitation of multinationals. The spark that brings them together is the thunderbolt that strikes Luca for Hilda, together with a real drought fire that will break out in the Campus forest. From then on, nothing will ever be the same again: the four of them will embark on a journey full of twists and turns that will take them all the way to the stage of Fridays in Berlin. Gradually more aware of Greta Thunberg's call to action to save "our House that is on fire", the boys will overcome prejudices and fears, and discover their talents, the value of friendship and, some, even love. The four protagonists will also realise that 'many is better than one', and will courageously dive into the human wave of Fridays for Future, for our Planet and for all.

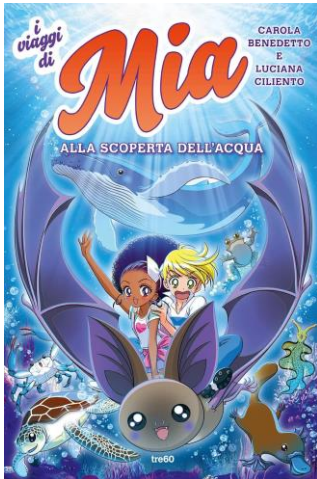
Why read the book

The Friday For Future Kids is the first Italian novel about the movement. This coming-of-age and adventure story draws a lively and passionate portrait of Generation Z, amidst eco-

anxiety, love, action and friendship, and in general talks about teenagers, who are often judged to be lacking in interests and talents, but who in reality harbour passions, hopes and potential ready to blossom. The story also offers food for thought on universal and topical themes: the climate crisis and global warming, taking a stand or passivity towards global issues, first loves and friendship, personal identity and the discovery of one's talents, overcoming cultural and social prejudices, social media as both danger and resource, ethical choices and the first big responsibilities.

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A FICTION SERIES THAT WANTS TO INSPIRE YOUNG READERS A MORE
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School is over and Mia is getting ready to leave for an amazing holiday in Puglia with Bea, her best friend. After so many months of school, they can finally have fun together! But just as Mia is packing her suitcase, terrible news arrives: Bea has broken her leg doing acrobatic gymnastics. It's a real shock... Mia will just have to put up with her neighbour Gregorio's blowhard all summer.

At night, Mia cannot fall asleep, but just when her eyes are about to close, Trello appears, the sweet-eyed bat who had accompanied her on her journey to discover the secrets of the earth. To console Mia, he has an exceptional proposal: a journey to discover water, and all the creatures that live in it!

How are turtles born male or female? Do the algae that clean the sea really eat whale poo? And how do frogs woo toads?

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After the Millennium Development Goals that preceded them, the 17 objectives of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development represent common objectives with respect to fundamental issues for a peaceful and profitable coexistence on Planet Earth: among these, the fight against poverty, the elimination hunger and the fight against climate change. They are "common goals" because they concern all countries and all individuals: no one is excluded, nor should they be left behind on the path necessary to lead the world on the path of sustainability.

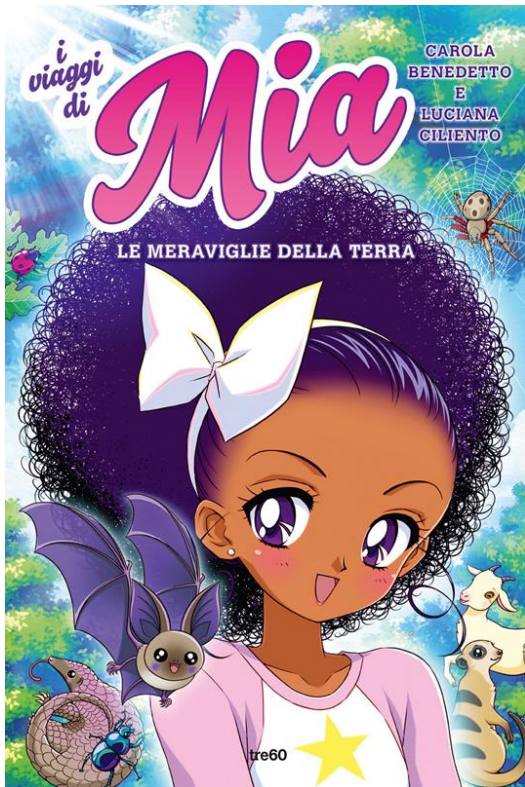
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Title: MIA'S TRAVELS. THE WONDERS OF THE HEARTH. (Vol. 1)

(I VIAGGI DI MIA. LE MERAVIGLIE DELLA TERRA)

Illustration by Marco Albiero

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1) **Greta Thunberg** 15 year-old Swedish political activist working to stop global warming and climate change, *Woman of the year* in Sweden, 2019. In August 2018, she became a prominent figure for starting the first school strike for climate outside the Swedish parliament building. In November 2018, she spoke at TEDxStockholm, in December she addressed the United Nations Climate Change Conference and in January 2019 she was invited to talk to the World Economic Forum at Davos.

2) **Pierre Rabhi** Farmer, writer and philosopher of Algerian origin, he is known as the French Gandhi. He was born in an Algerian oasis and then moved to France, where he began questioning modern values and pace of

life, in the name of a "happy sobriety". He fights for a society more respectful toward men, women and earth: he is the pioneers of agroecology and is founder of *Colibris* movement, he worked for UN's against deforestation in Africa.

3) Wangari Maathai An activist and the founder of the Green Belt Movement in 1977, she has been the first African woman to receive a degree in biology from the University of Pittsburgh. She advocated an awareness campaign in defense of nature and against deforestation. Her efforts were pivotal in the planting of over 51 million trees in Kenya. She has been the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, for "her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace".

4) Jadav Payeng (*The forest man of India*) He was born in the indigenous Mising tribe of Assam, in north-eastern India. He was 16 years old in 1979 when a flood devastated the family house, killing all the cattle. He has been planting trees ever since, and today that portion of sandy land has become a forest twice the size of Central Park, a natural reserve wildlife and people could return to.

5) Björk (Björk Guðmundsdóttir) is an Icelandic singer, songwriter, composer, actress, record producer, and DJ. Over her four-decade career, she has developed an eclectic musical style that draws on a range of influences and genres spanning electronic, pop, experimental, classical, trip hop and avant-garde music. Outside her music career, Björk starred in the 2000 Lars von Trier film *Dancer in the Dark*, for which she won the Best Actress Award at the 2000 Cannes Film Festival, and was nominated for Academy Award for Best Original Song for "I've Seen It All". Björk has also been an advocate for environmental causes in her home country Iceland.

6) Dian Fossey She was an American zoologist who has devoted her life to the observation and study of gorillas, in order to protect them from poachers. She has spent most of her time with gorillas, first in the Congo and subsequently in the Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda. She could mimic their calls and actions, so as to let them get used to her presence. She is considered the world's leading authority on mountain gorillas, who died to protect them.

7) Vandana Shiva She was born in India and received her degree in quantum physics in Canada. Moving back to her country she realized how it had been devastated: forests had been replaced by monocultures, rivers by dams. She then made the decision of devoting herself to landscape safeguard and biodiversity. In the village of Ramgarh Navdania she founded Navdanya Seeds Bank and Farm a movement in defense of food sovereignty, seeds and the rights of small farmers throughout the world, especially women.

8) Sebastiao Salgado Renowned photo-journalist who traveled the world from one end to the other. After a trip to Rwanda, where he witnessed first-hand the spectacle of human degradation, he became ill and decided to return home to Brazil, only to find out that the magnificent rainforests of his country had almost disappeared. He then decided to found, together with his wife, the Instituto Terra, a project to restore a degraded portion of rainforest in Minas Gerais, Brazil.

9) Bob Brown An American doctor who moved to Tasmania in 1972, where he works as a doctor. He became a member of the United Tasmania Group, Australia's first green political party, and a restless activist for the environment. Together with doctor and runner **Nicole Anderson** he strives to protect Tarkine area, one of the last virgin areas of the Gondwana rainforest and an aboriginal archeological site from deforestation and mine industries soil exploitation.

10) Emma Watson Actress famous for her role of Hermione in the Harry Potter saga, she is also an environmentalist and a fashion designer. After a trip to Bangladesh in 2011 to investigate the human cost of fast fashion she decides to devote herself to sustainable fashion, creating her People Tree line. On the red

carpet Emma wears recycled plastic or second hand dresses, breaking the rigid and exclusive dress code of the stars. She supports ethical brands of fashion and cosmetics, and fights for gender equality and the emancipation of women.

11) Tiziano Guardini Young Italian fashion designer who creates fur coats from pine needles, sequin from mussel shells and clothing from licorice. His creations are known worldwide. He has been the winner of the Green Carpet Challenge Award, and is seen as a rising star of Italian cruelty-free fashion and luxury items. Tiziano is constantly doing research for his work, and resorts to environment-friendly denim fabrics, wineleather and soysilk. His dresses were exhibited by Geneva's UN seat and by V&A Museum.

12) Rigoberta Menchú Tum Guatemalan human rights activist, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1992 for her efforts to achieve social justice for indigenous peoples and victims of government repression in her native country. She is also a Unesco ambassador. Born to a Quiché family, she first worked as an agricultural laborer and as a servant. Since the mid-1970s she has been active in organizing and protecting her community, threatened both by large landowners in search for land and by the repression by government forces. Forced into exile in Mexico, she organized the resistance against oppression in Guatemala and fought for the rights of native farmers.

13) Leonardo Di Caprio actor, environmentalist and philanthropist, *United Nations Messenger of Peace for Climate*. Since 2014 he is United Nations campaigner on climate change. He has been among the first Hollywood stars to drive a hybrid Toyota Prius (even to the Oscars), and his New York City apartment is located in an eco-friendly skyscraper. He bought an island in Belize to preserve mangroves from deforestation. Since 2010, when he donated to the WWF \$ 1 million to save tigers from extinction and preserve their habitat, he has been working tirelessly to attract interest on several causes in support of the environment.

14) Al Gore Vice president in the administration of US President Bill Clinton in 1993. After his term as vice-president ended in 2001, Gore remained prominent as an author and environmental activist, whose work in climate change activism earned him (joint award with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

15) Yvon Chouinard He is the founder of the clothing and gear company Patagonia, America's greatest supplier of climbing and mountaineering equipment. After realizing that his gear caused significant environmental damage he stopped production and created a company respectful of its workers, and oriented toward the creation of sustainable products, which expanded worldwide and has been donating 1 percent of its income to environmental organizations for the last thirty years.

16) Ma Jun Chinese journalist and environmentalist who has been fighting for the last twenty-five years against greenhouse gas emissions in his country, the world's first coal consumer and one of the major polluters on the planet. In 2006 he founded the nonprofit organization Ipe (Institute of Public & Environmental Affairs), and created the *Blue Map App* which allows users to post in real time about environmental damage or pollution, thus bringing the Chinese people together in a historic confrontation with the government. *Time Magazine* named him as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

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(SOPHIE, SE CI SEI BATTI UN COLPO!)

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"The theme of death is crucial at that age, and it's not easy to find a story that deals with it with the frightening and cathartic tones that are needed here, but without becoming an insignificant horror film." Donna Moderna

Sophie is thirteen years old and everyone thinks she is an 'odd' kid. Maybe it is because of that fuchsia tuft of hair in front of her eyes, or maybe because she is independent, introverted, loves gothic music and speaks little. The only one she confides in is Grandpa Thomas, who has always accepted and loved her as she is. But Grandpa has been dead for three years.... Yet Sophie has never forgotten him: every morning, before going to school, she visits him at Ober St Veit, the cemetery in Vienna, and tells him her secrets and fears. But one day, among graves and bare trees, Sophie disappears, leaving no trace. The police investigate, have few clues and only one terrible suspect... Could the untraceable serial killer terrorising the city have struck again? No one can imagine that the girl has been sucked into an eerie parallel world... Amidst ghosts walking the Earth, haunted towns and unsafe houses, Sophie will find herself caught up in an adventure bigger than herself. Will she ever be able to return home?

Nicola Brunialti, has worked for several years as an advertiser creating some of the most important national campaigns (Lavazza, Tim, Alitalia, Armando Testa). Since 2009, he has become the television author of Paolo Bonolis' programmes, such as 'Chi ha incastrato Peter Pan?' and 'Ciao Darwin'. He has published more than fifteen highly successful books for young readers, a film, a play with Simone Cristicchi and, again with the Roman singer-songwriter, the song Abbi cura di me, a big hit at the 2019

Sanremo Festival. He is great-grandson of Alessandro Manzoni. He published *Il paradiso alla fine del mondo* (Sperling & Kupfer, 2019), Alvaro Bigiarotti Prize 2020. In 2021 has been released *Un nome che non è il mio* (Sperling & Kupfer), from which was inspired the short film on air in January 2025 by Rai, and in 2022 has been released *Il mondo di Leo* (Battello a Vapore), an illustrated book based on the successful TV series for children with an autistic character. The series *Il mondo di Leo* (Rai Gulp) written by Nicola Brunialti, was a great success with the public both in Italy and in many foreign countries and a second series is currently being produced. He co-wrote *Quando sarai piccola*, sung by Simone Cristicchi, a big hit at the Sanremo Festival 2025.



Author: NICOLA BRUNIALTI

**Title: HEAVEN AT THE END OF THE WORLD
(IL PARADISO ALLA FINE DEL MONDO)**

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Nicola Brunialti, has been advertiser for many years behind the campaigns for Lavazza, Tim, Alitalia, and others. Since 2009 he has written popular TV shows. He is the author of more than 10 children's fiction books, and several Simone Cristicchi's and Renato Zero's songs. He is a descendant of Alessandro Manzoni.





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(TUFFO AL CUORE)

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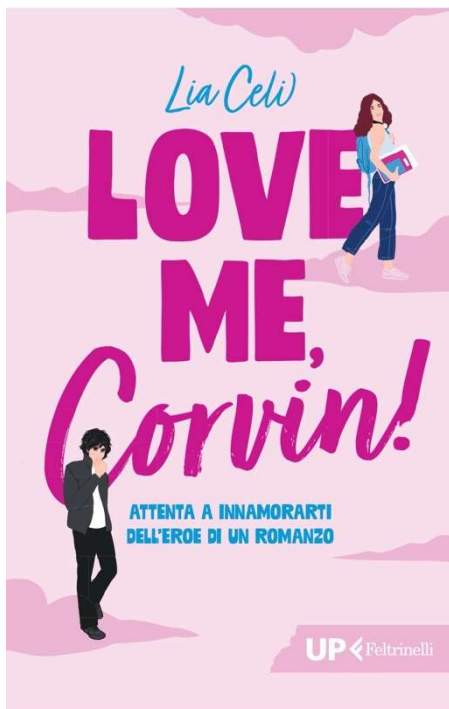
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Lia Celi is a writer and journalist and has published historical novels, children's novels and historical popularisation texts for adults and children. With Utetlibri she has published the biographies *Caterina la Magnifica. Vita straordinaria di una grande innovatrice*, *Casanova per giovani italiani* and *Le due vite di Lucrezia Borgia, la cattiva ragazza che andò in Paradiso*, up to the recent and successful *Quella sporca donnina. Dodici seduttrici che hanno cambiato il mondo*. She has also written two noir novels by four hands, *Ninnananna per gli aguzzini* and *The Borgia Legacy* (Solferino). An acclaimed children's author, she has published, among others, the *Ice Magic series*, the novel *A pari merito* and *Elisabetta, i cani della Regina* and *Adamo ed Eva* for Einaudi Ragazzi, the *VolleyStar series*, *Tre dee alla scuola media 1 and 2*, and *Delictum. Una detective nell'antica Roma* for Il Battello a Vapore, and *Love me Corvin!* for Feltrinelli Kids nel 2024.



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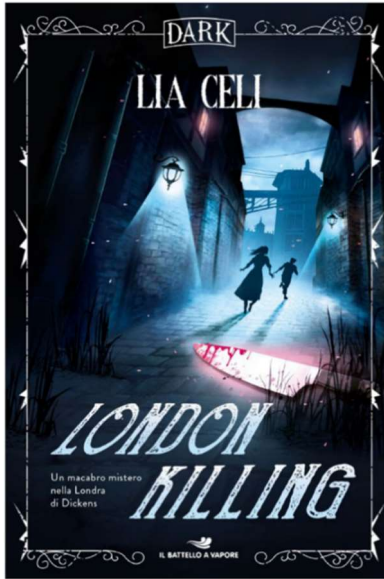
**BEWARE OF FALLING IN LOVE WITH
THE PROTAGONIST OF A NOVEL**

**I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS,
I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM,
I DON'T KNOW WHY HE'S ON ME.
BUT I AM CERTAIN OF ONE THING:
I HAVE TO FIND OUT HIS SECRET
BEFORE THE SCAFFOLDING OF LIES
THAT I BUILT FOR HIM
IT OVERWHELMES ME.**

Sixteen years old, two best friends, a snobbish sister and an overall peaceful life. Subscribed to the low scholastic profile and an average coefficient of clumsiness, Dalila attends high school convinced that it is better to deal with a dead language - Latin - for a few hours rather than with living troglodytes - males - every day. But then Corvin appears and everything changes. In fact, he is the exact opposite of her: charismatic, confident, passionate and handsome in an exaggerated way. Dali is shocked, because that dark alpha male who now follows her like a shadow seems to have come straight from the pages of a romance, and that's not a figure of speech! It's a shame that she can't stand romance and that she can't explain why the hero of *Destiny High*, a million-selling series, decided to show up at her place. Behind Corvin's sculpted biceps and dizzying eyes, however, something more is hidden, a mystery that torments him and intrigues Dalila and which will have to be brought to light in a succession of unexpected events, between books, fanfiction and reality.

All this while preventing the dark Corvin Darkwater from disappearing from her life and, at the same time, ruining Dalila's attempts to declare herself to her true crush...

Lia Celi was born in Parma to a family from Romagna, has lived in Pordenone, Bologna and Milan and now lives in Rimini with two cats and four children. A writer and journalist, she has published historical novels, children's novels and historical popularisation texts for adults and children. With Utetlibri she has published, among others, the biographies *Caterina la Magnifica. Vita straordinaria di una grande innovatrice*, *Casanova per giovani italiani* and *Le due vite di Lucrezia Borgia*, *La cattiva ragazza che andò in Paradiso*, up to the recent and successful *Quella sporca donnina. Dodici seduttrici che hanno cambiato il mondo*. She has also written two noir novels by four hands, *Lullaby for the Torturers* and *The Borgia Legacy* (Solferino). An acclaimed children's author, she has published, among others, the *Ice Magic* series and the novel *A pari merito* for Einaudi Ragazzi, the *Volley Star* series, *Tre dee alla scuola media 1 and 2*, and *Delictum. Una detective nell'antica Roma* for Il Battello a Vapore. In 2023 she published *Carolina dei delitti* (Salani editore), *La Regina Elisabetta* (Einaudi El), *Adamo ed Eva. Due ribelli in paradiso* (Einaudi El) and *Una prof per caso* (Il Battello a Vapore). In 2024 she published *London killing* (Battello a vapore), *Love me Corvin!* (Feltrinelli kids).



Author: LIA CELI
Title: ITALIAN BOYS.

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FOR FEARLESS YOUNG READERS

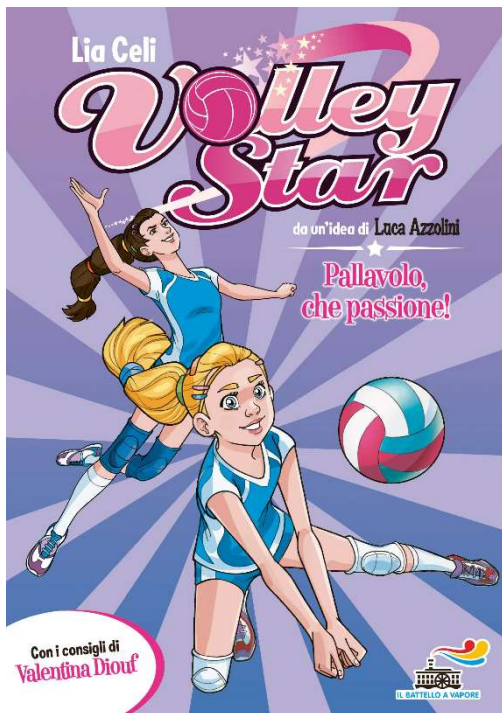
**A GANG OF ITALIAN KIDS IN SCARY
VICTORIAN LONDON.
INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY**

Londra, 1831. In the mist of twilight two men push a wheelbarrow where a large sack lies. They are John Bishop and Thomas Williams and will go down in history as body snatchers. The shadow of their crimes stretches over the disappearance of Carlo Ferrier, a 15-year-old boy who emigrated from Italy to escape poverty. All his friends, the Italian boys of the Suffron Hill community, are convinced of this and want to bring out the truth at all costs.

Amidst macabre discoveries and chilling encounters, the boys will have an exceptional helper at their side: young Charles Dickens grappling with an impossible love and the desire to change the world, with the only truly chilling weapon, writing.

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An acclaimed author for children, she has published, among others, the *Ice Magic series*, the novel *A pari merito*, *Queen Elisabeth, sovereign of History*, and *Adamo ed Eva* for Einaudi Ragazzi, the *VolleyStar series*, *Tre dee alla scuola media 1 e 2*, and *Delictum. Una detective nell'antica Roma* for Il Battello a Vapore, and *Love me Corvin!* for Feltrinelli Kids.



Author: LIA CELI

Title: VOLLEY STAR - THAT PASSION!
(VOLLEY STAR. CHE PASSIONE!)

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Rights: Worldwide

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Éditions Playbac (France)

AN EXCITING VOLLEYBALL SERIES

EIGHT GIRLS, ONE HEART, BECAUSE IN VOLLEYBALL WE ALL WIN TOGETHER.

Vol.1: VOLLEY STAR. THAT PASSION!

If there's one thing Eva can't stand it's having to play volleyball with her class, luckily there's dance. But when the Urban Dancer has to close for work, Eva can't stay without exercise. So, she sets out to find a new gym close to home and finds the one where the Wild Swans train... With a name like that, Wild Swans can only be phenomenal dancers. Or can they?

Vol.2: VOLLEY STAR. A CHAMPION IN THE FIELD

Eva now feels that she is a full-fledged member of the Wild Swans but, having won their first volleyball match, the whole team is getting cocky and thinks it's easy to go from win to win. Luckily there are the two coaches Tank and Stella who can't wait to start teaching the girls the fundamentals of volleyball! And they won't be the only teachers for the Wild Swans: a leggy 'blue' awaits them...

Vol.3: VOLLEY STAR. THE CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINS

The championship begins and the teams in group C, who will be battling it out with the Wild Swans, are really good. But the girls soon realize that the real difficulty is hidden in the stands and among the public who think they can intimidate them with unfair and unsporting cheering. The most worried seems to be Kiki herself, and Eva cannot let her best friend be in trouble...

Vol.4: VOLLEY STAR. MAGIC UNDER THE NET

If something starts to go wrong, then the avalanche effect is triggered: in recent times, between injuries and personal issues, the Wild Swans haven't been going straight. The problem is, however, that the championship does not stop. And if there are also some lovely...

er, insufferable basketball players getting in the way, Eva and the others will have to do their utmost to maintain their concentration!

Vol.5: VOLLEY STAR. SAND MATCH

The excitement of the Wild Swans is sky-high, the championship is about to come to its conclusion. To break the tension, coaches Tank and Stella suggest the girls attend the Paece & volleyball camp in Malta, a great opportunity to train, relax and play beache volleyball on sunny beaches. They all eagerly accept. All except the sensitive Kiki, who strangely seems to have no desire to go...

Vol.6: VOLLEY STAR. CHALLENGE TO THE LAST POINT

The provincial championship is coming to an end and the Wild Swans are in the finals! It's going to be a tough game, against the unfriendly Sparks. But since Eva and her friends don't know what boredom is, first they will have to deal with: a TV appearance, gossip about Frankie and a mysterious girl, and a problem that grips the beautiful Nasta.

Vol.7: VOLLEY STAR. THE SEASON STARTS AGAIN

The volleyball championship is about to start again and the Wild Swans are busy finding new players to lengthen the bench. The search is difficult, until Teo appears on the doorstep. Eva's new partner is great on the court, but her mood changes very quickly, she's nice one day and aggressive the next, and the team no longer knows how to deal with her! How strange...

Vol.8: VOLLEY STAR: SWANS FOREVER

That's all we needed, the Swans' gym flooded and the team lost everything: balls, equipment, but most importantly a place to practice. Luckily Tank has the solution in his pocket: not far away is a senior centre where the girls can find a temporary home. And between tango lessons and incredible yoga positions, from all those 'grandparents' Eva and the others will also learn an important lesson.

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Author: SILVIA CIOMPI

**Title: ALL THE DARKNESS OF MY DAYS
(TUTTO IL BUIO DEI MIEI GIORNI)**

First Publisher: Sperling & Kupfer

Publication Date: 2019

Pages: 336

Rights: Worldwide

**A POWERFUL AND POIGNANT LOVE STORY THAT
REMINDS US THAT WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST, LOVE IS
THE ONLY LIGHT WITHIN THE DARKNESS.**

MORE THAN 13.000 COPIES SOLD

Camille is 20 years old, she loves the stadium on spring Sundays, with short sleeves and windswept flags, and she loves her corner, in every season. There she jumps into the stands, keeps time with her hands-it's the thing she loves most in the world. It is the only place where she really feels alive. But one day, right outside the stadium, her life breaks down. A car carrying a group of ultras hits her. Among them is him: in the corner everyone calls him Skull. He sounds like the cliché bad boy, covered in tattoos and answers given only half-heartedly. Yet Skull and Camille are like two identical books bound with different covers. Two souls who didn't have time to talk to each other first, to take a better look at each other. They have passed each other thousands of times, but they have never really been in the same place. They are now. Now that grief has eaten away all that Camille was.

Tutto il buio dei miei giorni is the extraordinary debut by Silvia Ciompi, a young Italian author, already appreciated on Wattpad by more than three million readers, and still at the top of the charts. A powerful and poignant love story that reminds us that when all seems lost, love is the only light within the darkness.

Silvia Ciompi was born in 1993 and lives in Tuscany. She debuted first on Wattpad and then in bookstores with great public success. With Sperling she published *Tutto il buio dei miei giorni* ("All the darkness of my days"), *Tutto il mare è nei tuoi occhi* ("All the sea is in your eyes"), *Volevo solo sfiorare il cielo* ("I just wanted to touch the sky", 2021) and *Oggi sarò tempesta* (*Today I will be storm*, 2022).



Author: SILVIA CIOMPI

**Title: ALL THE SEA IS IN YOUR EYES
TUTTO IL MARE E' NEI TUOI OCCHI**

First Publisher: Sperling & Kupfer

Publication Date: 2019

Pages: 250

**THE PAIN IS NOT ERASED
BUT YOU FIGHT IT WITH LOVE**

"So, shall we go?"

"Where this time?"

"To the end of the world."

**THERE ARE PEOPLE YOU SEE ONCE AND THEY
IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THEIR MARK ON YOU,
AS IF THEY SIGN YOUR SKIN WITH THEIR
NAME AND MINGLE WITH YOUR MOLECULES.**

Bolognini Mirko, known as Bolo, is one of those. With his faded tattoos, discombobulated curls, and the most cocky smile in the universe, he walked into Gheghe's life unannounced one winter afternoon while gray skies outside threatened rain, and he never left from there. And Gheghe did not even realize what was happening, too busy living it, life, to be afraid. Neither of them had ever thought that loving someone could be like this. So beautiful, so true, so full of laughter and kissing and so painful. Even now that months have passed since their goodbye, every time their gazes meet it is a short circuit. As if nothing has changed and touching each other is still inevitable. They both know that they are too different to be together: he loyal only to the stadium corner for as long as he can remember, because that is where he learned to walk, run, lead the cheers and punch each other; she to her books, because that is where she began to dream. But love cannot be controlled, it comes straight as a well-struck blow that you don't expect. An unexpected and overwhelming love that knows how to bite into life, as only in one's twenties can do.

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Author: SILVIA CIOMPI

Title: I JUST WANTED TO TOUCH THE SKY
(VOLEVO SOLO SFIORARE IL CIELO)

Pages: 280

Fist Publisher: Sperling & Kupfer

Publication date: 9th March 2021

TWO REPRINTS IN SIX MONTHS!

CLELIA OWNS THE INNATE GIFT OF MUSIC, SHE LIVES WITH HER GRANDMOTHER AND CARRIES A WEIGHT ON HER CONSCIENCE: SHE FEELS RESPONSIBLE FOR HER MOTHER'S DEATH. LORENZO RUNS AWAY FROM HIS CITY BECAUSE FRIGHTENED BY HIS MOTHER'S ILLNESS THAT CAN ALSO AFFECT HIM.

A POIGNANT AND ROMANTIC LOVE STORY,
BETWEEN THE BEACHES OF THE ELBA ISLAND AND THE SUBURBS OF ROME

A POETIC AND HEARTRENDING NOVEL ON THE LOSS, ON THE RESILIENCE, ON THE
DESIRE TO LIVE AND REJOICE IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING.

It's June 9th and Clelia turns 18. But today is also the anniversary of her mother's death, Emma. She would cancel this date from the calendar and forget about it. One year has passed since her mother's death and her true friend is now her grandmother Bruna, with whom she lives in a small apartment of Portoferraio in Elba Island. What she misses most is the music. The music she breathed since she was little, her greatest passion, headed down by her grandfather who was a saxophonist and by her mother who was a singer and guitarist. She refuses to listen to it since she lost Emma, even if she has the perfect pitch and is a living music encyclopedia. Since she was a child she dreamt of setting up her own radio station for being able to narrate the music. Emma's death has been an accident for which Clelia feels responsible. Her maternal grandmother, just on the occasion of her eighteenth birthday, decides to hand over a locked box that was Emma's gift for this celebration. The big-box contains an old gramophone known as "the magic gramophone", a letter and a key with an address, which will lead her to the cobbled streets of Portoferraio's old town. The key opens a small basement that Emma had bought for her daughter, thinking that she could obtain a web radio station from that. It's just a narrow, dark and damp street for now but it's a shot that brings her back to life.

Right above the basement, there is an apartment in which Lorenzo took shelter and there is the sailing shop of his uncle Roberto next door. Lorenzo is eighteen years old and comes from Rome.

He arrived in Portoferraio one day ago and he also has finished the high school's fourth year. He is a genius in mathematics but his true passion is computer science. He would work as a game designer. However now, all his life falls apart, darkened by a truth that he is not ready to accept yet.

His mother has a rare degenerative genetic disorder, Huntington disease, and the voluntary test that can be done only after the age of majority, confirmed that also Lorenzo will suffer

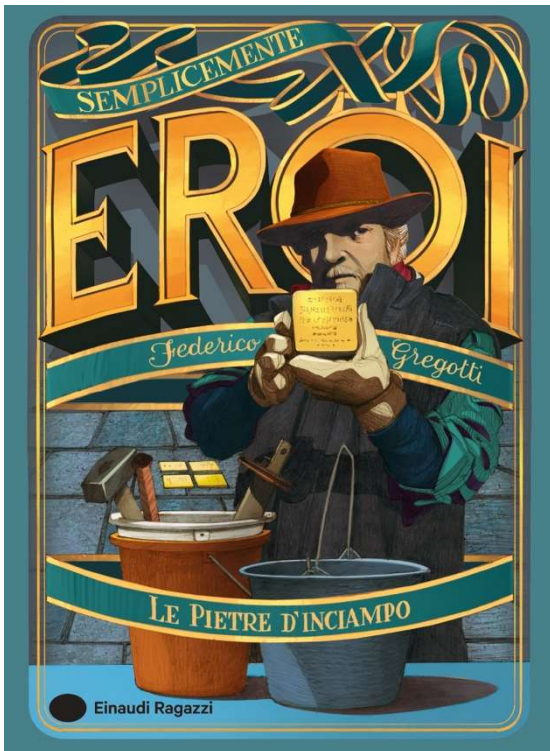
for this illness, condemning him to a degenerative progression. So this is why he took refuge to his uncle Roberto, where he will remain with the excuse of a summer job in his shop. The first meeting between the two teenagers is already a fight, and is an omen of a relationship rather than idyllic, but they will come to an agreement because Clelia received low grades in mathematics again and she must face the graduation the following year. On the other side Lorenzo needs to work a lot and think less and he also needs that little space in the basement where to park his bike.

From the disagreements on the respective musical tastes, to the cutting words, the relationship is born and leads them to recognize, support and fell in love with each other. Lorenzo shows her the beauty of crazy things we all do when we are 18. He can't accept the illness and he takes his anger out just when he is alone, writing emails which he will never send, full of rage, regrets and fears. With Clelia instead, he hides his darkness in a corner of the heart and pushes her to search for the excitement of youthfulness, knowing that it will die down too soon.

Until the beginning of September, when Lorenzo is forced to go back to Rome. They feel hopeless without each other but they don't have the courage to recognize their bond and face their weaknesses. So, it will begin a silent war of betrayals that will lead them to drift. Lorenzo gets back together with an ex girlfriend and tries to find the thrill of paragliding, swimming in the deep sea, the excitement of madness that made him alive. Clelia will sink into a self-destructive relationship with Damiano and she will refuse any approach and protection from her grandmother. Lorenzo decides to disappear forever from Clelia and his parents' lives and sends all the emails written during the last months and one more goodbye letter, crushed under the inner conflict of dying now or living and getting sick. But Clelia doesn't want to give up for his disappearance, looking for him for weeks until she files a complaint.

A novel full of twists and turns, of a sudden reversal of the plot, touching, dramatic and consuming together, with an unexpected ending that opens to a horizon all to be experienced by the two protagonists. A poetic and heartrending novel on the loss, on the resilience, on the desire to live and rejoice in spite of everything.

Silvia Ciompi, born in 1993, lives in Tuscany. She is studying Media Studies and she has always loved writing: diaries, poems and short stories and now novels. She debuted, firstly on Wattpad and then in bookshops, with the novel *Tutto il buio dei miei giorni* (Sperling Kupfer, 2018) followed by *Tutto il mare è nei tuoi occhi* (Sperling Kupfer, 2019).



Author: FEDERICO GREGOTTI
Title: THE STUMBLING STONES
(LE PIETRE D'INCIAMPO)

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First Publisher: Einaudi Ragazzi
Publication date: January, 2025

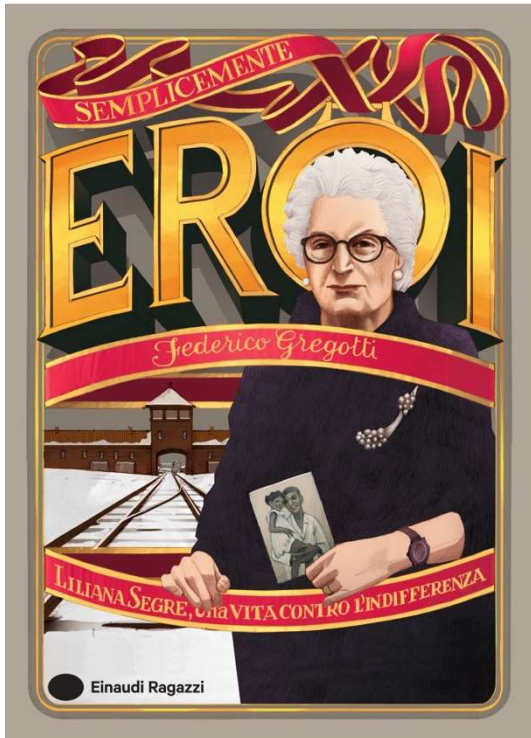
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Gunter Demnig looks like a cowboy, but he is not, he is much more: he is a sculptor who has taken art out of museums and with the Stumbling Stones project has created Europe's largest widespread monument: small concrete blocks covered in brass, placed in front of the last homes of the victims of Nazi-Fascism persecution. Their engraved names tell stories

of broken lives, transforming the pavements into places of remembrance.

Gunter Demnig wears a denim shirt, a red kerchief around his neck, a waistcoat full of pockets and a wide-brimmed hat. He looks like a cowboy, but instead he is a sculptor. Firmly convinced that art must leave museums to speak to people and involve them, he has created Europe's largest widespread monument through the installation of stumbling stones: tens of thousands of small concrete blocks covered in brass, placed on the pavements in front of the last dwellings of the victims of Nazi-Fascist persecution. From there, those innocents were snatched from their lives: from there, today, their names engraved on the brass plates of the Stolpersteine tell their story.

Federico Gregotti he published the illustrated fairy tale *La bambina che collezionava tartarughe* (Einaudi EL, 2020) and the novel *Friedl e i bambini di Terezín* (Einaudi EL, 2021) dedicated to Friedl Dicker-Brandeis, a Viennese artist of Jewish origin who helped thousands of children in the Terezín ghetto through art. In 2023 he published *Una Spia a regola d'arte* (Einaudi EL) and in 2024 *Liliana Segre. Una vita contro l'indifferenza* (Einaudi EL).



Author: FEDERICO GREGOTTI

Title: LILIANA SEGRE. A LIFE AGAINST
INDIFFERENCE

**(LILIANA SEGRE. UNA VITA CONTRO
L'INDIFFERENZA)**

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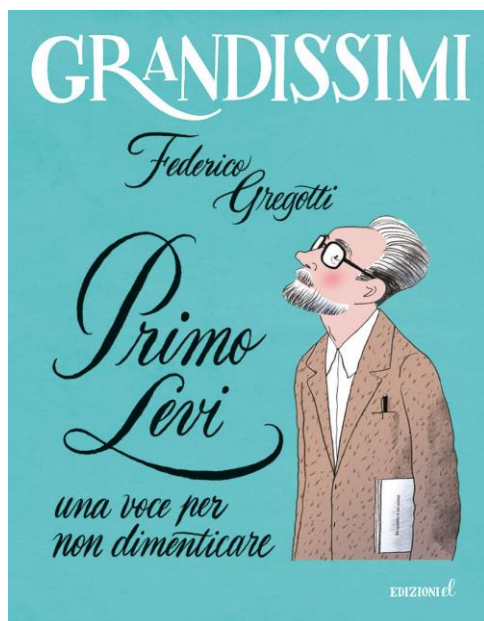
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**A FICTION BOOK FOR CHILDREN FROM 9 YEARS OLD. A NOVEL RECOUNTING
THE LIFE OF A WOMAN SURVIVOR OF THE SHOAH, WHO TODAY IS RECOGNISED
BY ALL AS AN EXAMPLE OF COMMITMENT AGAINST ALL FORMS OF
DISCRIMINATION AND INDIFFERENCE**

Liliana Segre was only thirteen years old in 1943 when, together with her father Alberto, she was arrested and deported to Auschwitz. A survivor, after many years of silence she began to tell her story to the world. For her commitment to keeping alive the memory of millions of victims of the Shoah, she was appointed Senator for life of the Italian Republic in 2018.

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Author: FEDERICO GREGOTTI ZOYA

Title: PRIMO LEVI. A VOICE NOT TO FORGET
(PRIMO LEVI. UNA VOCE PER NON DIMENTICARE)

Publisher: Einaudi EL

Pag. 80

Publication date: October, 2023

Rights: Worldwide

**AN ILLUSTRATED FICTION BOOK FOR
CHILDREN AGED 7 AND UP, TO DISCOVER THE
LIFE OF PRIMO LEVI, ONE OF THE GREATEST
WRITERS IN HISTORY**

Primo Levi was one of the greatest writers of the 20th century: a survivor of the Shoah, he powerfully recounted one of the darkest pages of history so that nothing would be forgotten. The story starts from the moment when Primo Levi, from a Jewish family and a chemistry graduate, chose to join the partisan struggle at the moment when the racial laws were promulgated. Primo was arrested in December 1943 by a fascist squad and, during interrogation in the barracks in Aosta, declared himself to be a Jew (rather than a partisan); he was thus taken to the sorting camp at Fossoli, near Modena. On 22 February 1944, Primo was forced to leave Fossoli and board the train bound for Poland. It was here that he began to think about writing, to recount the horror he witnessed. The experience in the camp of Auschwitz (February 1944-January 1945) is like a year in hell, and it is precisely in Auschwitz that Primo tries to recall the verses of the Canto di Ulisse. With his thoughts he begins to compose the poem *If This is a Man*. The awareness of trying to remain a 'man' despite the barbarity of the Nazis is consolidated in him.

The liberation from the lager and the long journey home inaugurates a new phase in his life, the double life of chemist and writer. These are the years in which he completes the drafting of *If This is a Man*, a testimony written 'with urgency'.

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Author: FEDERICO GREGOTTI ZOJA

Title: ROSE VALLAND. AN ARTFULLY CRAFTED SPY
(ROSE VALLAND. UNA SPIA A REGOLA D'ARTE)

Pages: 120

First Publisher: Einaudi EL

Publication date: May, 2023

Rights: Einaudi EL

«In the silence of her office, on the first floor, she took a seat at her desk, placed her round glasses on top of a stack of books and then lit her first cigarette of the day. Enveloped in a cloud of blue smoke, she clutched that note in her hands as if it were

the most precious gift she had ever received in her entire life.

The words written to her by Jacques Jaujard, the director of the National Museums of France, left no doubt: 'I beg you, Mademoiselle Valland, to keep your place at the Jeu de Paume at all costs, to watch over the ERR men who have just taken up residence in our museum. Write everything down and report back to me daily. It is not just a question of saving France's artistic heritage, this time there is much more at stake: we must defend beauty - and with it the future of the world - from those who threaten to destroy it... '».

When the Germans occupied Paris in 1940, Rose Valland (1898-1980) was working in a voluntary capacity at the Jeu de Paume, a Parisian museum dedicated to foreign contemporary art. She was a woman who could apparently pass unnoticed, with her sober clothes, cropped hair and discreet manner; it was also thanks to this that - for a good four years - she managed to work as a spy for the French Resistance, making a decisive contribution to defending, and later recovering, the national artistic heritage stolen by the Nazis.

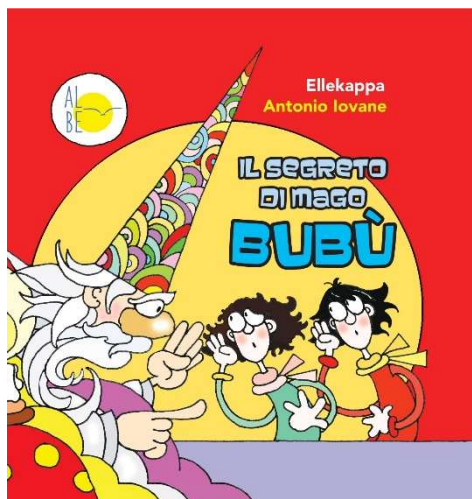
During the Second World War, the Jeu de Paume became the sorting centre for works of art stolen by the Nazis from French collectors, mainly of Jewish origin. Officially transferred to Germany for research purposes, the works were either destined for the private residences of Nazi hierarchs or directly for the large museum that Hitler dreamed of building in his hometown of Linz. Rose Valland, on the orders of the director of the National Museums of France Jacques Jaujard, in great secrecy and risking his life several times, documented the thefts carried out by the Germans, building up a veritable archive.

After the liberation of Paris and the end of the war, Rose Valland joined the Monuments Men, more than 300 men and women of different nationalities (intellectuals and artists recruited from among museum directors, librarians and art scholars) who recovered most of the masterpieces that the Nazis had looted and hidden in salt mines or in fairy-tale castles, such as Neuschwanstein in the mountains of Germany.

Once Rose Valland had completed her mission as 'Captain of Fine Arts', which took her around Europe for almost a decade, she returned to France where she won many prestigious awards, before gradually retiring to private life, together with her partner, the

Englishwoman Joyce Herr. He died alone in 1980 on the outskirts of Paris; only in recent years has his figure received the attention and honour it deserved.

Federico Gregotti has published the illustrated fairy tale *La bambina che collezionava tartarughe* (Einaudi EL, 2020) and the novel *Friedl e i bambini di Terezín* (Einaudi EL, 2021) dedicated to Friedl Dicker-Brandeis, a Viennese artist of Jewish origin who through art helped thousands of children in the Terezín ghetto. In Autumn 2023 is forthcoming a new non-fiction novel for young readers (Age 12+) *Primo Levi* in the collection *Grandissimi* (Einaudi EL, 2023).



Author: ANTONIO IOVANE

Illustrations by ELLEKAPPA

Title: **THE BUBU WIZARD'S SECRET**
(IL SEGRETO DI MAGO BUBÙ)

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Format: 21 cm x 21cm

First Publisher: Albe edizioni

Publication: November 2019

Rights: Worldwide

It is wintertime. Giorgio and Aida, who are brother and sister, are sick and tired of not being able to play outside. They find out that the person responsible for the bad weather is a certain wizard Bubù, who has stolen the sun. The two brothers decide to recover it: in order to do so, they need to reach Bubù's cave, which is located at the center of the Earth.

Giorgio and Aida spend long and strenuous nights secretly digging in the garden, until they succeed in recovering the sun and placing it back where it belongs. The outcome, however, is not exactly what they been expecting: the heat and the drought in the wintertime become a dangerous threat. While Giorgio and Aida are looking for a solution to this new problem the wizard manages to kidnap them. He will release them only if they can keep a promise: they will have to go back to him in his old age, and only then they will be able to face a challenge in order to unmask the wizard's secret.

Many years go by, Giorgio and Aida are successful grownups now, and they are both raising their families. They decide that the time has come to keep their promise so they go back to Bubù. He reveals to them, however, that they have already met the challenge: the secret is being capable of waiting. The weather cannot be dictated by children's tantrum.

Antonio Iovane was born in Rome in 1974. He is a journalist and a writer. He hosts the radio programme "Capital Newsroom" on Radio Capital along with Ernesto Assante. His latest novel is *The Terrorist* (Minimum Fax, 2019).

Ellekappa is one of the most famous editorial cartoonists in Italy. She attended a professional fashion stylist institute and began her work as an illustrator for several magazines and newspapers (including "Linus", "Satyricon" - "la Repubblica"s weekly magazine, "Tango", "Cuore", "Il Manifesto", "Noi Donne", "L'Unità", "Smemoranda" and "Il Corriere della Sera". Along with Gino & Michele she worked at the TV show "Drive In" and at the first edition of the popular satirical television program "Striscia la notizia".



Author: CATERINA MANFRINI

Title: COUSINS
(CUGINI)

Pages: 200

First Publisher: Einaudi Ragazzi

Publication date: February 2024

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A BOOK DEDICATED TO YOUNG READERS
WITH A PASSION FOR HISTORY, EDUCATIONAL
STORIES AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING TALES

A NOVEL SET IN TRENTINO DURING THE
SECOND WORLD WAR THAT DEALS WITH THE
THEME OF RESISTANCE THROUGH THE EYES OF TWO BOYS

THE STORY OF TWO VERY DIFFERENT COUSINS, FORCED TO FACE ONE OF THE
MOST TRAGIC PAGES OF THE 20TH CENTURY

Borgo Sacco, 1943. Marcello is a diligent and dutiful boy. He works hard at school because he would like to become a teacher one day. His cousin Luigi, known as Gino, older than him by a few years, is quite the opposite: already flunked several times, intolerant of rules, he prefers to hang out with friends, smuggle goods with partisans and produce grappa with his uncle Timoteo, who is like a second father to him, since his died in the war. The two put up with each other with difficulty, but are forced to live under the same roof, in a small village in Trentino. With the Armistice of 1943, the Nazi occupation casts even darker shadows over the village. While fighting between partisans and Nazi-Fascists rages in the mountains, the nightmare of bombings and the persecution of those who sympathise with the Resistance make life impossible. And when Gino is called by the German authorities to join the Trentino Security Corps, a new page will open for the two cousins, in which all their bonds will be put to the test.

Caterina Manfrini was born in Rovereto in 1996. She graduated in Cultural Studies from the University of Roskilde (Denmark) in 2018 and, in October 2019, obtained an MA in Creative Writing with Distinction from Kingston University in London.



Author: Claudio Pallottini
Illustrator: Mauro De Luca
Title: FABLES INVENTOR
(L'INVENTAFAVOLE)

Age: 2+
Numbers of players: From 1 to All

First Publisher: Il Barbagianni Editore
Publication date: 2013 - 2014

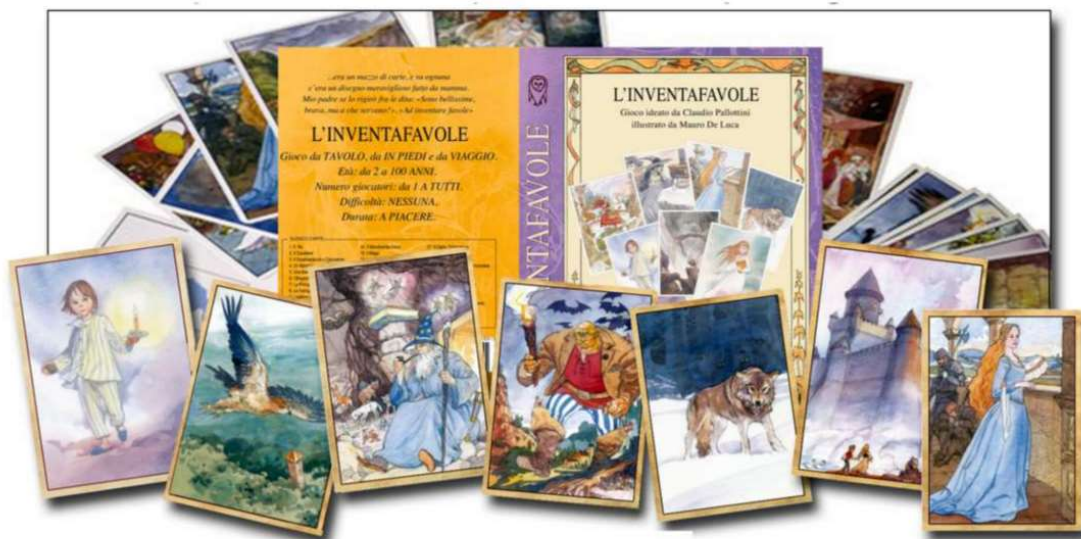
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Claudio Pallottini is a writer and a screenwrite. He works as a radio author and actor, he conceived the game based on his study of Propp's cards.

Mauro De Luca, is a painter and illustrator of international renown. He has illustrated comic books for the European market and has extensive experience in painting, scenography, and teaching illustration.



Author: DANIELA PARESCHI

Title: WHAT I CAN'T SEE

(QUELLO CHE NON VEDO)

Pages: 40

First Publisher: Il Barbagianni Editore

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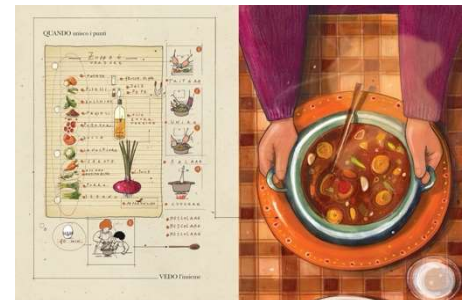
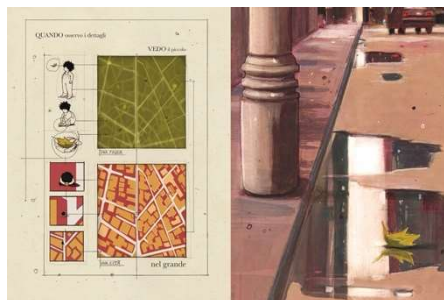
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Daniela Pareschi is an illustrator and painter, with a background as an art-director in film, has published illustrated books for several publishing houses and her work has been exhibited in group and solo exhibitions. In 2016, she won the 'Illustrator of the Year' competition for the City of the Sun calendar. In 2018, her illustrations were selected for the Bologna Children's Book Fair. In 2021, she was chosen in the selection 'The Child Spectator' as part of the Bologna Children's Book Fair. In 2022 her work *Captain America* was exhibited at the Art Gallery in Venice in the Biennale circuit. He teaches sketching at the Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia in Cinecittà and illustration at the Comics school in Genoa. He collaborates with Il Secolo XIX. For Il Barbagianni Editore he illustrated in 2017 *Piangete, bambini!*, and published in 2023 *Animali bellissimi* and in 2024 *Strano*.



Author: DANIELA PARESCHI
Title: WONDERFUL ANIMALS
(ANIMALI BELLISSIMI)

Age: 5+

Size: 23 x 30,5 cm

Pages: 44

First Publisher: Il Barbagianni Editore

Publication date: 24th February 2023

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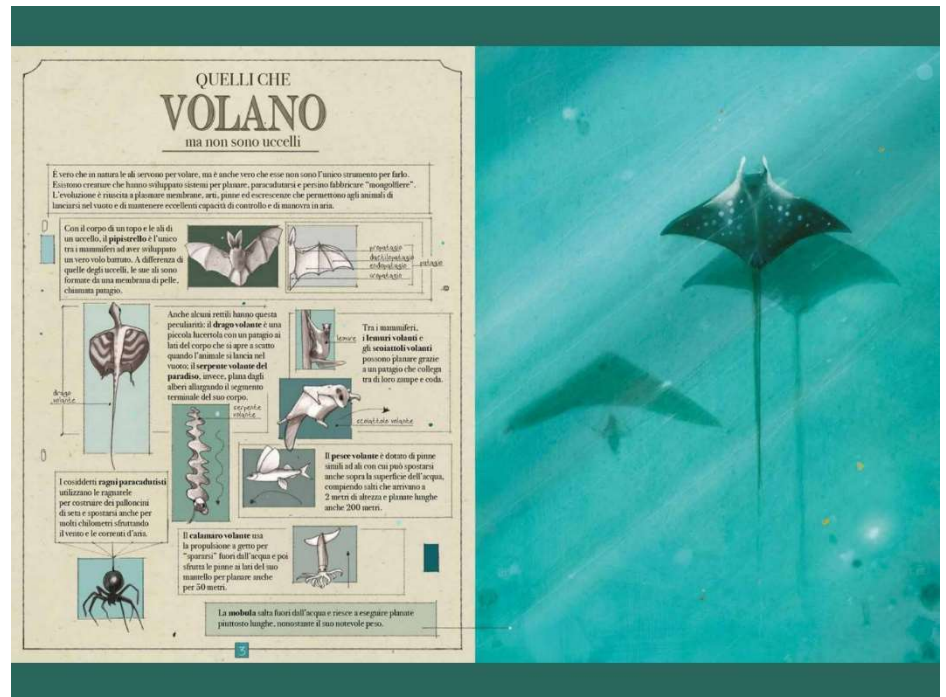
What do the arctic fox and the stonefish have in common? And the ostrich and the elephant seal? Science has always categorized animals according to a rigid and complex classification. But what would happen if we used a different, immediately comprehensible criterion, juxtaposing species that are very far apart but share a significant characteristic? The result would be imaginative but reasoned categories, ironic but verified, discovering extraordinary creatures, animals... beautiful!



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1. Those with horns
2. Those with moustaches
3. Those that fly (but are not birds)
4. Those with hair
5. The very small ones
6. The very big ones
7. The very colourful ones
8. The ones with spots
- 9 The ones with fangs
10. The bright ones
11. Those difficult to see
12. Those with long legs
13. Those who defy gravity
14. Those that swell
15. Those with quills
16. Those with shells
17. Those that sleep a lot
18. Those that live longer than humans
19. The fantastic ones



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Author: DANIELA PARESCHI

Title: WEIRD
(STRANO)

Pages: 44

First Publisher: Il Barbagianni

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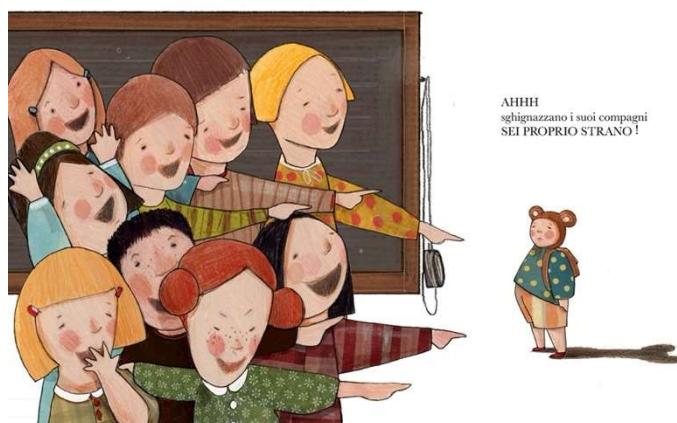
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Antonio possesses beautiful bear ears and one day wears them to school, causing astonishment and criticism from everyone he meets. It really seems that his choice is wrong. What to do then? His answer is surprising.



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Author: ANNAMARIA PISCOPO

Title: **THE MEMORY OF BUTTERFLIES**
(LA MEMORIA DELLE FARFALLE)

Pages: 250

First Publisher: Rizzoli

Publication date: 3rd March 2020

Rights: Worldwide

"The Memory of Butterflies" it's a moving young adult novel with adolescent protagonists who face psychological disorders caused by the loss of loved ones. They will make a journey to rediscover the ability to live and love again.

THE POWER OF A FRIENDSHIP
THE FIRST GREAT LOVE
THE TRUTH IN MEMORIES

"Thank you, Mattia, because you make the impossible becoming possible, because you are my best friend, the love that everyone wants and the dream boy in flesh-and-blood. Because you healed me or at least you are still trying to heal me. Because you invented the absurdity only for me."

Giulia is a sixteen years old girl, with no so many foolish ideas and one best friend, Alice with who spends everyday between school and free time. And then one day, Alice dies in front of her and Giulia's world falls apart. One evening she meets Mattia: an eighteen years old boy, unruly hair; a sweet and simple guy that during the free time outside school, works in a butterfly farm, his passion. He has also suffered for a loss, his mother died few months before and he is still trying to rebuild his life around that absence. Giulia and Mattia look for each other, falling in love, feeling lost until the moment in which they realize that they can be stronger only staying together. However, as the months went by, Giulia comprehends that the reality around her hides many shadows. Alice had some secrets and Giulia suffering from her friend's loss, has completely forgotten them. She must find the courage to face the pain, the untold things and what she does not remember beginning to discover how strongest love can be, in all its forms.

Anna Maria Piscopo is born in Avella, next to Naples where she has obtained a degree in biology and where is responsible of pharmacovigilance, working for Clinpharma. Stories lover, Anna Maria attended a creative writing workshop. This is her first novel.



Author: RODOLFO ROSSI

Title: NANU AND THE MYSTERY OF DESCARTES
(NANU E IL MISTERO DI CARTESIO)

Pages: 200

First Publisher: Pelledoca editore

Publication date: 5th June 2025

Rights: Worldwide

**WHEN DESCARTES' SKULL MYSTERIOUSLY
DISAPPEARS FROM THE SCIENCE
CLASSROOM, NANU AND HIS FRIENDS BEGIN
TO INVESTIGATE.**

**AMIDST A PASSION FOR MATHEMATICS,
CONSPIRACIES AND DISCOVERIES, AN
INTRIGUING AND TENDER CHILDREN'S
MYSTERY.**

Suddenly everyone fell silent.

In the unreal silence that had descended on the cemetery, they gathered around the walnut tree. Nanu had remained motionless in the shadows. Everyone knelt down, facing the same direction. As if following an established script, the last patch of fog lifted, showing a frightening image in the light of the moon and torches. 'That's not possible,' Nanu muttered to himself. On the rise Mastic, Susy and Smangiucchia watched as if hypnotised by the horrendous vision that was advancing. A figure, unnaturally tall, appeared deformed and menacing. All were silent, motionless.

FOR AN INSTANT THE WORLD SEEMED TO STAND STILL.

Nanu is a young boy with incredible calculating skills, but he has never participated in the important maths trophy for the best students in his school because of teacher Geronimo Vega, who resents him. Something is changing, however: another teacher manages to put him on the calculus team. Thus, he will not only make his father proud, but will also be able to access the scholarship and help his grandfather, with whom he lives. When Descartes' head, the skull used for anatomy lessons, disappears from the science classroom, Nanu and his friends begin to investigate. They discover a hostile and threatening adult world of plots, devilish rituals and conspiracies. But Nanu will also discover that he is not alone in facing danger: there are shadows that, instead of threatening and frightening, can watch over and protect...

Rodolfo Rossi, He lives in Rome and teaches at the Conservatorio di Latina. With Claudio Arbib he wrote *Un caso bizzarro per il commissario Carra*, a mystery novel for adults (Newton Compton). *Nanu e il mistero di Cartesio* is his first children's fiction.



Author: TASSI
Title: THE TRAIL
(LA TRACCIA)

Age: 5+
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Pages: 52
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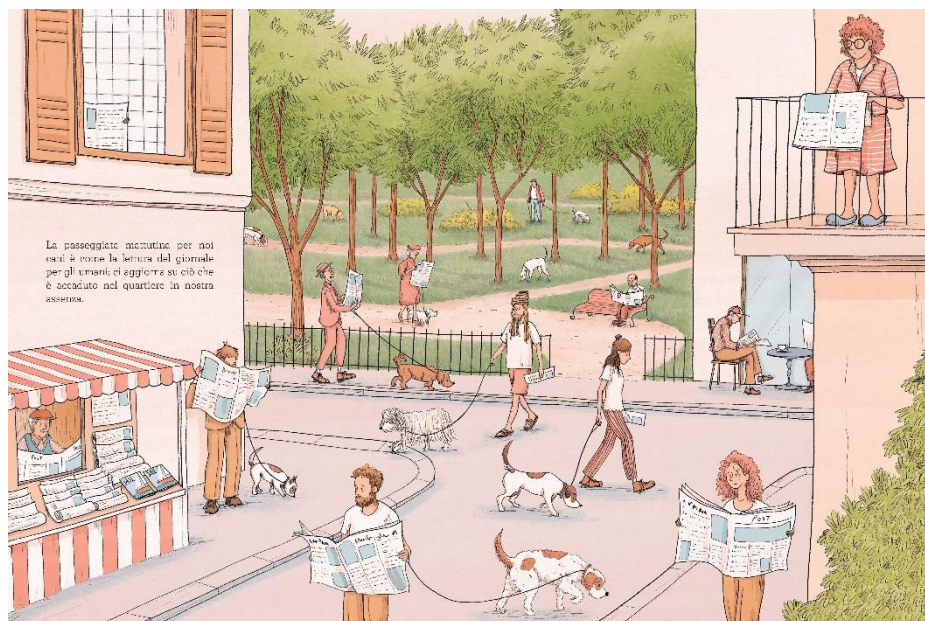
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Arturo happily lives his life in the neighborhood in the company of his mistress B. and his four-legged companions, until the day when that world begins to seem too small and he decides to set off on his own to explore new ones.



Thus begins an adventurous and surprising journey, to places that become more and more distant, in which Arturo will always make new discoveries and always leave his mark (yes, that very one!). But what is the point of continuing to leave his own trace if it is no longer intertwined with anyone else's?

Tassi, art name and nickname of Francesco Tassinari, is an illustrator from Romagna, born in '92 who draws as much as possible, always listening to music or people talking. *La traccia* is his debut album, and its protagonist is Arturo, one of his dogs.





Author: LINDA TRAVERSI

Title: THE REPAIRMAN OF DREAMS
(IL RIPARATORE DI SOGNI)

First Publisher: Einaudi EL

Publication date: 23th January, 2024

Pages: 274

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TRUSTING OTHERS IS NOT EASY, IF YOU FEEL SOMETHING IS MISSING IN YOU. YOU COULD BREAK IN A THOUSAND PIECES, LIKE A SHATTERED DREAM. BUT THERE IS SOMEONE WHO CAN REPAIR THOSE DREAMS. MAYBE HE'S IN YOUR «PARADISE OF IMAGINED THINGS» OR MAYBE HE IS ALREADY NEAR YOU.

AFTER THE SUCCESS OF “THE BENCH OF DIFFICULT THINGS”, A NEW NOVEL FOR YOUNG ADULTS THAT EXPLORES THE FRAGILITIES OF TODAY’S TEENAGERS WITH GRACE AND INTENSITY.

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“Where do these characters come from? As usual I don’t know. Yet they are so vivid that I can’t believe a moment ago they didn’t exist. That’s why I say I open some kind of lid. Or a door to another dimension, making them visible in this one too. I wonder if the passage is reversible. If they can go back to being shadows. Or maybe they all end up in a residence on the beach, wearing flowered shirts and holding a cocktail, and when you stop to say hello they are so happy to see you. A sort of paradise for imagined things, or at least that’s how I picture it: a place full of true friends telling their stories to each other.”

Maia is fourteen and doesn’t trust anybody. At home she thinks she doesn’t fit in, and at school she senses she is different. The only place where she feels safe is her «paradise of imagined things», which she created by picking random words out of some bags. Surreal characters live in it: a knife swallower who cheers up a clown, a reindeer who never has breakfast and a mechanic who repairs dreams. When her teacher gives the class a group assignment, Maia’s partner turns out to be Sebastiano, a quiet introvert. The two of them start wondering about their own stories and confide in one another: Sebastiano reveals to her a secret that caused him to be bullied, she tells her new friend that she has never met her mother. Their friendship is sincere, but as fragile as a dream that only the most skillful mechanic could repair.

Linda Traversi was born in Cecina (Livorno), and has a university degree in Translation. She lives and works in Ravenna. Her short stories have appeared in a number of collections and literary magazines. In Einaudi Ragazzi’s catalogue she also published *The bench of difficult things* (2022).



Author: LINDA TRAVERSI
Title: THE BENCH OF DIFFICULT THINGS
(LA PANCHINA DELLE COSE DIFFICILI)

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"Maybe Spring is making everybody crazy, not only my sister. Or maybe it's the subtle movements that occur again and again, like the Earth shifting slowly in the universe, and there's that moment when you realize that everything you used to know is suddenly unrecognizable. It's me, but it's not me. It's us, but it's not us."

STELLA IS THIRTEEN YEARS OLD, AND HAS A HAND THAT PEOPLE DON'T EXPECT. SHE FEELS ACCEPTED ONLY AMONG THE MARINE CREATURES THAT SHE DRAWS IN HER NOTEBOOK, BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT HER WORLD IS ABOUT TO CHANGE. THERE'S A REAL PLACE READY TO WELCOME HER, AND IT'S VERY CLOSE, IN THE NEARBY PARK, ON A BENCH...

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THE STORY OF A SHARING SPACE WHERE YOU LEARN TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT YOUR DIVERSITY AND THAT OF OTHERS.

"The whale is coming out pretty well. It's not the typical whale you see in cartoons, with a giant Godzilla face and a tail shrinking to the size of a pet goldfish. I drew her lean and flat, with lines across her belly. She has huge strong fins like those of a hundred-year-old turtle. She rarely goes up to the surface and sings when she's feeling lonely. This isn't in the drawing, but I imagined it anyway. And maybe you need a lot of things that you don't see, to portray the ones you do see."

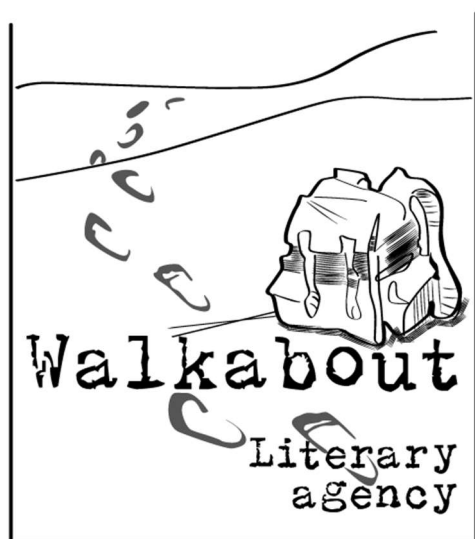
Stella has a great passion for art, but also a deformed hand that makes her feel different. At home she doesn't feel understood, and at school she is object of scorn and derision. She only feels accepted in the world she draws in her notebook of marine creatures, that welcome her because of her <<fin>>. Until a mysterious bench is installed in the park of her apartment building complex. Next to Stella, on the bench, some neighbors start to show up, all peculiar in their own way: Gerry, a man who always carries around an '80s portable stereo playing only singer-songwriter Franco Califano's compilations; Agatina, a retired chef who prepares and

freezes casseroles for a family that never comes to visit; and Emil, a teenager who always plays video games to avoid interacting with a father who won't listen to him.



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Fiammetta Biancatelli is Owner and Managing Director. She has been Spanish translator and co-founder of [nottetempo edizioni](#), which has worked as an editor in the Italian and translated fiction. She worked also as a press officer in chief and events planner for Publishers and Book Festivals before creating and starting to manage Walkabout Literary Agency.

Ombretta Borgia is Owner and Rights and Contract Manager, she has been Portuguese translator and she has worked for 12 years as a Foreign Rights Manager for Editori Riuniti, before creating the agency.

“Walkabout” is a long ritual journey that Aboriginal people engage in, by walking through large expanses of grasslands in Australia; this allows them to have contacts and exchanges of resources, both material and spiritual, such as the traditional songs. Bruce Chatwin recounted the Walkabout in his “Songlines”: “(...) It was believed that each totemic ancestor, on his journey across the country had spread a trail of words and musical notes along his footprints, and that these Dream tracks had remained on the ground as a ‘way’ of communication between the various distant tribes. A song was simultaneously both a map and a transmitting aerial. (...) And a man during a *walkabout* always moved following a song path (...)”

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