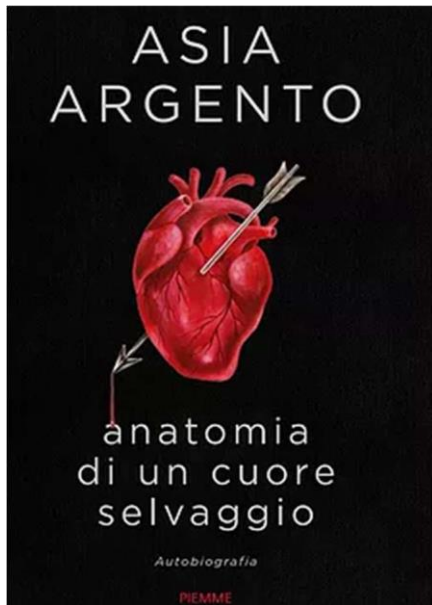

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(ANATOMIA DI UN CUORE SELVAGGIO.

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A LONG-AWAITED BOOK BY WHO HAS LAUNCHED THE #METOO MOVEMENT

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THE INTIMATE AND PASSIONATE MEMOIR OF ONE OF THE MOST KNOWN ITALIAN ACTRESSES AND DIRECTORS IN THE WORLD. FOR THE FIRST TIME ASIA ARGENTO DESCRIBES IN A BOOK HER FIGHTS, CAREER AND REBIRTHS. SHE TELLS ABOUT THE FIRST STEPS OF HER JOB AS AN ACTRESS WHEN SHE WAS JUST 6, IN THE SHADE OF HER FAMOUS AND UNREACHABLE FATHER, AND HER INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS. WITHOUT SHAME, WITH HONESTY AND COURAGE SHE REVEALS HOW HARD HAS BEEN THE FIERCE AND LIBERATING "JE ACCUSE" THAT SHE HAS LAUNCHED AGAINST WEINSTEIN IN THE CANNES FESTIVAL 2018 AND HOW THE MOVEMENT #METOO HAS BEEN CREATED. SHE CONFIDES TO US HER FRAGILITY AND THE BEWILDERMENT, BUT ALSO ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS, BETWEEN MOMENTS OF UNSPEAKABLE PAIN AND WITH AN IRRESISTIBLE NEED FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE, FOR HER AND FOR ALL WOMEN. A MEMOIR RICH OF REVELATIONS, SINCERE AND UNSETTLINGS.

The human heart is a surprising muscle, even recidivist, you tear it up and it is ready to fight again. I've fallen in love so many times in my life. Although it was written somewhere that I would never be able to love. Sometimes I loved and sometimes I've been loved back. It also happened to touch the desired tranquillity by hands and for a few seconds, to get my hopes up that I can imprison the calm into my existence. It's hardly

ever been like this because for those like me, peace simply does not exist. Pain, unfortunately is an uncomfortable host that dwells in me and that I cannot evict. I always hoped that one day a person would embrace me like a baby and in those arms, I would have found my place in the world at last. And it was like this sometimes but then it was always over, I say: It's my fault, that I want everything immediately, and I ask too much and I remain disappointed. And I realize it was another blunder, a mirage, an oasis in the desert to which I approach crawling with a dry mouth for the journey, dreaming of refreshment, but in fact, this does not happen.

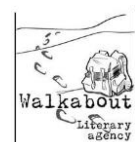
And then I say, perhaps in this lies my true strength, not in restoring my bleeding soul in an oasis of balance and stability, but to continue to seek my essence beyond the mirage where life becomes more real and for those like me, it's always time to draw a sword. That's why, in spite of everything, I fell in love for all my life and I'm afraid I'm going to keep doing it.

“It takes courage to prescribe yourself a complete X-ray, I do not know how many would be satisfied with the outcome of the ruthless analysis of themselves. And then be strong, this is my X-ray, before judging, I invite you to do the same”. With these words and also with a great “who cares” toward every judgement and false respectability, Asia Argento begins to tell her story, without giving any discounts to anyone, least to all to herself. The result is an autobiography of disarming sincerity, as deep as a crevasse, just as Asia is in reality: at times rude, at times romantic, always authentic until she becomes painful. A hard childhood, a kid abandoned to herself that acts as a shuttle between one house and another, alone in the Roman night, only with a bag that saws her shoulder and a heavy cage with the cat Dac. She has to deal with two artist parents, two “huge egos” who dream of building a rickety family of two half-daughters and a daughter of both (Asia), but without giving up their ambitions. Then the adolescence between rave parties and first flirts, her career on the set, started at age of nine, at the mercy of genius, but also sadistic directors. And clearly the encounters with the great loves of her life, her children, her passions. **A story written at the age of forty-five that seems to encompass many lives together for the amount of events that press the reader in a breath-taking novel. In fact, it is with the breath cut off that the reader will read about Asia in the world of ogres, the cinema environment one. The Asia's words seem to be written with heart in hands and “iron courage”, and the reader is soon absorbed into this hard but exciting journey that is her life where every pain corresponds to a new strength to reborn.**



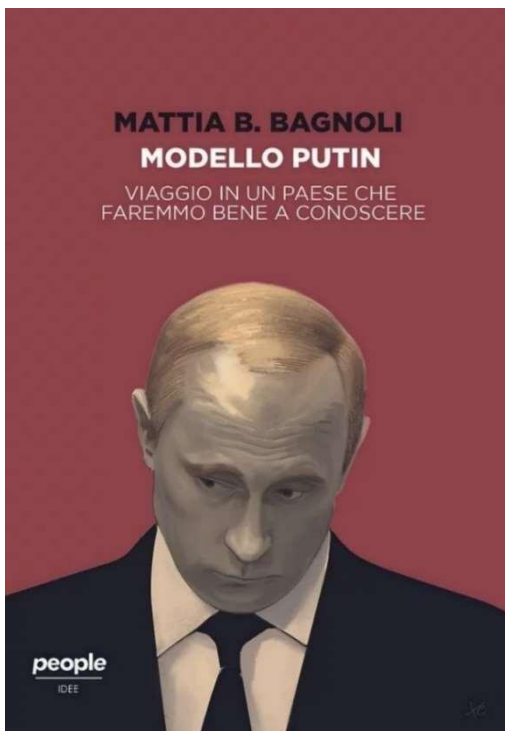
The Italian actress, director, screenwriter, singer and songwriter **Asia Argento** was among the first women in the movie business to publicly accuse the producer Harvey

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Weinstein of sexual assault. She became a leading figure in the #MeToo movement. Asia, whose father, Dario Argento, is a noted director of Italian horror films, began her acting career as a child. She went on to win two David di Donatello Awards, the Italian equivalent of Oscars, and has directed films, written a novel and recorded music. After she spoke out about Mr. Weinstein, Asia quickly emerged as a powerful voice for women who have been mistreated by men. In May, she gave a riveting speech at the Cannes Film Festival in which she called the festival Mr. Weinstein's "hunting ground." She said he had raped her there in 1997, when she was 21.

When she was only a child, the entire world for Asia Argento was held on the set of her father's film, Dario Argento, also known as the King of Horror. Since then, she has never stopped to be in search of her path, fighting against the violent and sexist world of the international cinema industry. An outsider artist and a controversial character. Since she was 6, she began to be part of more than 80 films, short films and video-clips. She lived in California and in Paris for many years and then she returned back to Rome, her hometown. Mother of two children from two previous marriages, she has been profoundly affected by two dramatic bereavements, the one involving her sister, died young in a car accident when she was 18, and the one involving the chef Anthony Bourdain, her boyfriend who committed suicide in 2018.



Author: MATTIA B. BAGNOLI

Title: THE PUTIN MATRIX.

**A JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF MODERN RUSSIA
(MODELLO PUTIN – VIAGGIO IN UN PAESE
CHE FAREMO BENE A CONOSCERE)**

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**BAGNOLI MANAGES TO GIVE US AN IMAGE OF
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DISINFORMATION.**

**A MIX OF ANALYSIS, LOGBOOK AND JOURNALISM THAT EXPLAINS IN AN
EXHAUSTIVE AND ABOVE ALL PLEASANT WAY, WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE IN
RUSSIA AND ON WHAT BASIS VLADIMIR PUTIN'S CONSENSUS RESTS.**

Russia - thirty years after the fall of the Wall - still includes several souls and is still capable of projecting itself, as the USSR did, beyond its borders: in Ukraine, Syria, Libya, Belarus, China (but also in Europe, Italy included). And it is already immersed in the transition process towards the “after Tsar”. The Putin model holds all this together. A system with very wide consequences, which concern us directly, which has evolved to become a hybrid regime, with ever more authoritarian tints. A complex puzzle that we are very poorly informed about. There is repressive Russia, which no longer tolerates internal dissent, and there is geopolitical Russia, which demands a world order distinct from the pax americana. Here you will see both. But this book is also a great reportage that leads us to discover the challenges in the Arctic, the fight against climate change, the activisms that oppose the Kremlin (Alexey Navalny in particular) and the Russian way to fight the pandemic. And it pushes us, above all, to reconsider our Eurocentric point of view: perhaps the time has come to change our perspective.

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Mattia Bernardo Bagnoli - Born in Milan in 1980, after graduating in Literature and History at the University of Bologna, he moved to London to attend a master's in International Journalism at City University. There, he began to work as a correspondent for the Ansa agency and collaborate with other newspapers, including La Stampa and D di Repubblica. **Since 2015 until September 2021 he has been head of the Ansa editorial office in Moscow.** He's now head of the Ansa editorial office in Bruxelles. He is the author of the noir *Bologna permitting* (Fazi 2009), of the guide *Strano ma Londra* (Fazi 2012), of the investigative detective story *Nerogolfo* (Frilli 2018) and of the novel *Ricorda il colore della notte* (Piemme 2019), which won the **Acqui Storia award** in the historical fiction section. *Putin Matrix* has been released on March 2021 and has had 4 reprints.



Author: DEVIS BELLUCCI

Title: AND YET IT SHOULDN'T SINK. WHEN SCIENCE HAS MISCALCULATED

(EPPURE NON DOVEVA AFFONDARE. QUANDO LA SCIENZA HA FATTO MALE I CONTI)

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EVERY STORY OF SCIENCE IS A STORY OF MISTAKES

Sometimes people think of science as an infallible procedure with an almost miraculous recipe: you follow its rules step by step and arrive at the discovery of the century. But this is wrong. Every scientific advance has always been a path studded with mistakes, clumsy trials and - in some cases - outright catastrophes. With engineering, then, it is even worse: accurate calculations are made, but all it takes is a trifle, a nothing mistake, and a bridge collapses, or a Boeing 767 is forced to make an aerobatic landing that will go down in history.

Devis Bellucci collects in this frothy book, full of contagious irony, a long sequence of errors, mistakes, naivety, inadvertence and downright foolishnesses made by otherwise serious and scrupulous people. So much so that more often than not one thinks: 'But couldn't they have realised this sooner? Yeah, only there was no before, in the sense that those responsible for the mistake were dealing with a problem that had arisen for the first time, and they had no terms of comparison by which to draw inspiration. Too easy, afterwards, to mock them; I would like to see you, in those conditions!

The egregious errors in this book have occurred in every era of modernity and in every field of human knowledge, from materials science to engineering, from medicine to computer science to physics. There is the experiment of the century that fell apart because of a loose wire, the queen of the fleet of a great power that sinks on the day of its launch because of an absurd measurement error, the plane that explodes in flight because it has square windows, and the Nobel Prize winner in Physics who thinks he has discovered something he did not discover, when in fact he has discovered something else he did not think he had discovered.

But what matters, for science, is that one learns from mistakes, even if they hurt. And that is how one proceeds into the future.

Devis Bellucci (1977) holds a degree and a doctorate in physics from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, where he now teaches Materials Science and Technology. He works in particular on biomaterials for orthopaedics, dentistry and tissue engineering. Writer, journalist and blogger - you can find him on social networks as @ditantomondo - he has collaborated with several newspapers including 'Vanity Fair'. His publications include *Guida ai luoghi geniali* (2019) and *Perché la forchetta non sa di niente? E altre domande curiosi per capire la scienza senza uscire di casa* (2022). For Bollati Boringhieri he published *Materials for Life. The incredible stories of biomaterials that repair our bodies* (2022).



Author: DEVIS BELLUCCI

Title: MATERIALS FOR LIFE. THE INCREDIBLE STORIES OF BIOMATERIALS THAT FIX OUR BODY

(MATERIALI PER LA VITA. LE INCREDIBILI STORIE DEI BIOMATERIALI CHE RIPARANO IL NOSTRO CORPO)

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IN THIS THRILLING AND SCIENTIFICALLY UPDATED ESSAY, DEVIS BELLUCCI TELLS US STORIES ABOUT MATERIALS THAT CAN INTERACT WITH LIFE: HOW THEY WERE DISCOVERED, HOW THEY EVOLVED, THE USE WE MAKE OF THEM.

DEVIS BELLUCCI DOES WITH PHYSICS WHAT ALESSANDRO BARBERO DOES WITH HISTORY.

“An interesting and even amusing essay, the result of research aimed at satisfying students' curiosity about anecdotes related to discoveries, difficult to find in textbooks.”

Venerdì di Repubblica

“A brilliant and thorough essay”. **Corriere della Sera**

“A fascinating journey, among brilliant minds, heroic experiments and fortuitous discoveries. The protagonists are, in fact, the biomaterials.” **Salute di Repubblica**

“A beautiful and exciting essay”. **Panorama**

“Devis Bellucci exposes in detail and with narrative mastery the research, the discoveries and the many applications, in different organs, of inert material. It is the story of how a border considered to be impassable was overcome with enormous advantages”.

Il Sole 24 ore

“A journey, full of stories and anecdotes, in that borderland between medicine, biotechnology and materials science.” **Il Resto del Carlino**

Materials science is a fascinating and mysterious discipline. Mark Miodownik, in his *Stuff Matters* (2015 and 2019), already caught our attention explaining what are substances made of, which is their chemical-physical structure and pointed out substances characteristics and the technologies used to produce them.

There is though an entire class of extraordinary materials we put into our bodies to live better, sometimes even to keep living. Our tissues, usually, do not get along with foreign bodies and these are generally rejected. Luckily, there is a number of materials that can bypass organism defense mechanisms and we have learnt how to make advantage of it to improve our quality of life. We call them biomaterials. Hip replacements, breast implants, contact lenses, pacemakers and anti-ageing fillers are just some examples of these remarkable materials. They have their own stories, made of pioneering and visionary research, of scientific twists, heroic experiments, lucky shots and even some scam.

Devis Bellucci, Physics PhD working on biomaterials for over 10 years, in this thrilling and scientifically updated essay tells us stories about materials that can interact with life: how they were discovered, how they evolved, the use we make of them.

Devis Bellucci (1977), Physics phd, is a researcher in Materials Science and Technology at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. He works on biomaterials for orthopedics, dentistry, bone tissue regeneration and repair. Writer, journalist and blogger, he collaborated with magazines among which «Vanity Fair». In his book *Guida ai luoghi geniali (Brilliant places guide, 2019)* he told about Italy's top destinations for science, technology and innovation lovers. In 2022, Rizzoli will release his brilliant educational book *Why does a fork have no flavor?* (age 10+).



Author: CRISTIANA BIOGLI – SERGIO BUSI

Title: **YOGA E KLEŚA . LE AFFLIZIONI MENTALI IL METODO YOGA CHE RIMUOVE LA SOFFERENZA, NELLO YOGASŪTRA OF PATAÑJALI E NELLA FILOSOFIA INDIANA**

(YOGA AND KLEŚA. THE MENTAL AFFLICTIONS AND THE YOGA METHOD THAT REMOVES PAIN, IN THE YOGASŪTRA OF PATAÑJALI AND IN THE CLASSICAL INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

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The term *yoga* represents a more far-reaching terminology. Nowadays exists not only in the Asian culture but also in all continents perception; his long history has been intersected with different theories and societies. It has resisted to historical and cultural changes and has adopted, from time to time, different exceptions that make it so hard to lock up in a unique and immutable meaning. Wondering what it means is a priority, especially taking into account the fact that it is something alive in our diversified human society.

In this investigation, we cannot omit the *Yogasūtra* of Patañjali, which is the Indian classical philosophical text of greatest reference in the international yogic scenario.

Studying the *Yogasūtra*, we come across the theory of *kleśa*, the heart of Patañjali's teaching, which shows an idea of *yoga* verifiable also in the *Bhagavad Gītā*, in the *Upaniṣad*, in the *Buddhism*, that far from the meaning of "posture's performance", as very often many people incorrectly think nowadays, indicate a method which liberate the individual from suffering, where its origin resides in the ordinary perceptions of mind, through technique of concentration and meditation that progressively stop, and then transcend the frenetic and turbulent cognitive and emotional movements that human beings consider very seriously and ordinarily identify themselves with. *Yoga* is a practical knowledge that through the transformation of the mind opens gates towards an understanding, which transcend and 'see' its real concept, beyond the conceptual and semantic apparatus. Mind is a suffering soil but also liberation from pain, depending on its own individual's way of usage with awareness or gripped by distractions. *Yoga* is the responsibility's assumption of our own suffering and the mental training that leads to the achievement of happiness' goals.

Cristiana Biogli (1975) conducted classical studies and graduated in Moral Philosophy. She started to practice *yoga* from the beginning of her university and since 2003 she also began to teach it.

Sergio Busi (1959) lived in India and in Nepal for 16 years (1982-1998) where studied Indian philosophy and *yoga* under the monastic traditional methods, and subsequently under the *mahāyān* Buddhism teachings. Back to Italy, he graduated in Theoretical Philosophy.

The authors founded in 2004 the DRUMA YOGA, a Cultural Association based in Florence that spreads the practice and the study of *yoga* on what, in their opinion, are the fundamental pillars: *āsana* and *prāṇāyāma*, meditation and the study of philosophy. They run courses and *yoga* retreats, meditation, Indian philosophy and *Dharma* in their offices in Florence and Italy.
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Author: PAOLO BONOLIS

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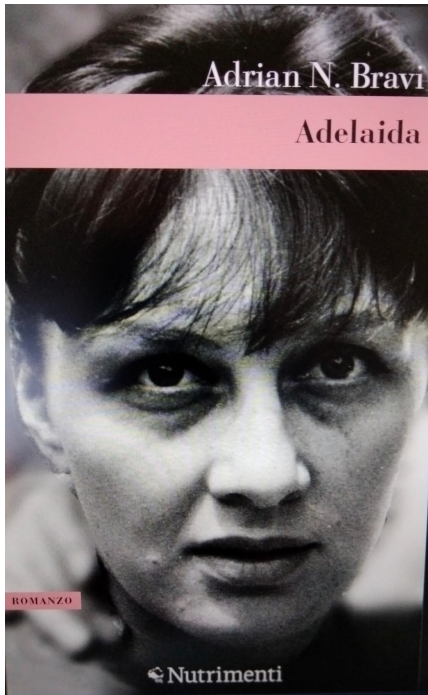
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THIS IS PAOLO BONOLIS'S FIRST BOOK, AN IMPORTANT WORK IN WHICH HE TELLS HIS STORY THROUGH MEMORIES, REFLECTIONS AND ANECDOTES IN SEARCH FOR THE MEANING OF LIFE.

Paolo Bonolis talks to himself: he does so in order to gain a better understanding of things. One day he began writing down his thoughts; at first he did so extemporarily, but in time these very thoughts came together as a vast, sensational and meaningful picture of his life. The story begins with his childhood in Rome, and then comes the first and casual TV auditions and the encounters with Alberto Sordi and Raimondo Vianello, his personal and sporting experiences, his love for reading and traveling. All these elements intertwine and compose an amazing path of analysis and development as the author observes anything, from people's faces to the meaning of life, from love to slowness, God and technology, great values and small things of everyday's life. The result is a rich and inspirational book full of stories for both his fans and everybody else.

PAOLO BONOLIS (Rome 1961). He has been one of the most popular entertainment stars in Italy over the last thirty years. He hosted the successful TV show for kids *Bim Bum Bam* (from 1982 to 1990), and then worked for Fininvest and for Rai hosting TV shows such as *Non è la Rai* ("This is not Rai TV"), *I cervelloni* ("Brainiacs") and *Beato tra le donne* ("Blessed Art Thou Among Women"). He was instrumental in creating *Ciao Darwin* ("Hello Darwin") and *Chi ha incastrato Peter Pan?* ("Who Framed Peter Pan?"), he hosted *Striscia la notizia* (alongside Luca Laurenti), two editions of the Sanremo Festival and the talk-show *Il senso della vita* ("The Meaning of Life").



Author: ADRIÁN N. BRAVI

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**FROM THE AUTHOR FINALIST AT THE CAMPIELLO
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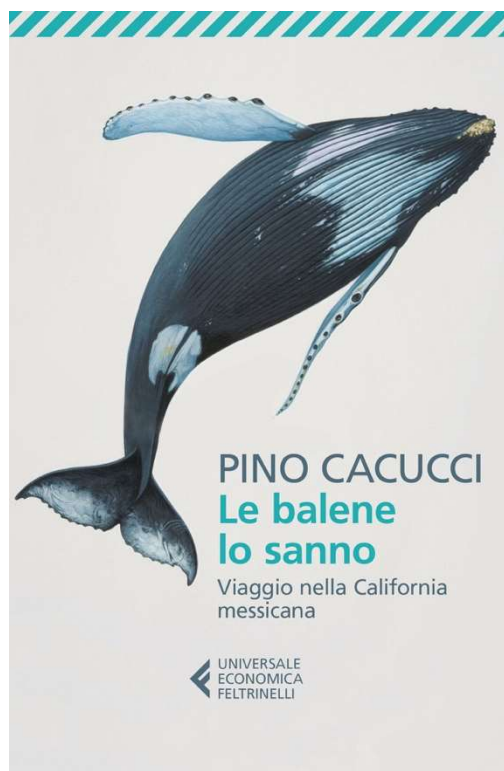
THROUGH THE STORY OF ADELAIDA'S LIFE, ADRIAN BRAVI RETURNS TO SOME OF HIS FAVOURITE THEMES: EXILE, CREATIVITY, SOLIDARITY DURING THE DICTATORSHIP. THE STORY OF A WOMAN ARTIST WHO DID NOT GIVE IN TO FATE AND WAS

ABLE TO PROCESS THE HEARTBREAK OF THE LOSS OF HER CHILDREN AND TRANSFORM IT INTO ART. A TALE AT ONCE REALISTIC AND VISIONARY.

Adelaida was an artist born in Recanati in 1927, the daughter of the painter Lorenzo Gigli, who, together with his family, decided to leave Italy behind in 1931 for Argentina, so as not to compromise himself artistically with the fascist regime. As soon as they arrived in Buenos Aires, the Gigli family encountered the first coup d'état in Argentine history. Adelaida grew up and trained in Buenos Aires. At the end of the 1940s, she began to collaborate with some magazines and after her university experience, together with her husband David Viñas (an important historian and storyteller) and other intellectuals, she founded the magazine *Contorno*, destined to become a point of reference for Argentina in the 1950s. After a trip to Venezuela in 1960, where she found a community of Indians, she began to dedicate herself to ceramics and became the great artist she was. She had two children, Mini (Maria Adelaida Viñas) and Lorenzo Ismael Viñas, both militants of the revolutionary group montoneros, considered desaparecidos, she in 1976 and he in 1980.

Immediately after the 1976 military coup, Adelaida was forced to leave Argentina to go, first to Rio de Janeiro and then to Recanati, her hometown, where she died in 2010, in a hospice, where she spent the last nine years of her life, in solitude. The book is divided into two parts. The first part (entitled *The Unexpected*) begins when she, after realising that she is being chased, abandons her daughter Inés, just eight months old, into the arms of two strangers in order to save her and sets off running. In this first part, an attempt is made to reconstruct the lives of Adelaida, her father, her children, and Carlos Goldenberg (Adelaida's companion, who died in an armed clash fifteen days before her disappearance), contextualising their lives according to the historical period. The second part (entitled *The Farewell*) begins with her exile, her artistic life in Recanati, the pain of the loss of her loved ones, alcohol, and finally, her final years and her living with Alzheimer's disease.

Adrián N. Bravi was born in Buenos Aires, lived in Argentina until the age of 25, then moved to Italy to pursue his studies in philosophy. He lives in Recanati and is a librarian. In 1999, he published his first novel in Spanish and in 2000, he started writing in Italian. His published books: *Restituiscimi il cappotto* (Fernandel 2004), *La pelusa* (Nottetempo 2007), *Sud 1982* (Nottetempo 2008), *Il riporto* (Nottetempo 2011), *L'albero e la vacca* (Feltrinelli 2013), *L'inondazione* (Nottetempo 2015); *Variazioni straniere* (racconti, EUM 2015); *La gelosia delle lingue* (saggi, EUM 2017). In 2010 he published a children's book, *The thirsty tree* (Helbling languages). His last books, *L'idioma di Casilda Moreira* (Exorma 2019), *Il levitatore* (Quodlibet, 2020) and *Verde Eldorado* (Nutrimenti, 2022).



Author: PINO CACUCCI
Title: WHALES KNOW IT
(LE BALENE LO SANNO)

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«One of the most fascinating mysteries of Creation is the song of humpback whales».

An incredible journey through Mexican California, with Alberto Poli's magnificent photographs.

Baja California, the Mexican California, is the longest peninsula in the world, almost two thousand kilometers stuck in the heart of the Pacific Ocean. Pino Cacucci has returned to "his" Mexico to cross it and to narrate it, from south to north, from La Paz to the Tijuana border. Along Carretera Federal 1, also known as Transpeninsular, he collected stories of pirates and buried treasure, of Jesuits and abandoned missions, of Indians and lost travelers. Following in the footsteps of Steinbeck, who traveled here in 1940, he rediscovered legends of queens and giant pearls. And of course he immersed himself in the amazing nature of the Baja, in the endless expanses of cactus, in the moonscape of the salt flats, in the mountains that are shaped like women. And in the bays of enchantment where whales merrily approach to play with the boats of fishermen. Because Mexico was the first country, more than sixty years ago, to create protected reserves for these animals of mysterious intelligence, and they know it-the conscience of the planet-that humans are not all killers, and that a more authentic and friendly humanity lives in these parts.

Pino Cacucci (1955) ha pubblicato *Outland rock* (Transeuropa, 1988, Feltrinelli, 2007), *Puerto Escondido* (Interno Giallo, 1990, poi Mondadori e infine Feltrinelli, 2015) da cui Gabriele Salvatores ha tratto il film omonimo, la biografia di Tina Modotti *Tina* (Interno Giallo, 1991; Feltrinelli, 2005), *San Isidro Fútbol* (Granata Press, 1991; Feltrinelli, 1996) da cui Alessandro Cappelletti ha tratto il film Viva San Isidro con Diego Abatantuono, *La polvere del Messico* (Mondadori, 1992; Feltrinelli, 1996, 2004), *Punti di fuga* (Mondadori, 1992; Feltrinelli, 2000), *Forfora* (Granata Press, 1993), poi ampliato in *Forfora e altre sventure* (Feltrinelli, 1997), *In ogni caso nessun rimorso* (Longanesi, 1994; Feltrinelli, 2001), *La giustizia siamo noi* (con Otto Gabos; Rizzoli, 2010). Con Feltrinelli ha pubblicato inoltre *Demasiado corazón* (1999, premio Giorgio Scerbanenco del Noir in Festival di Courmayeur), *Ribelli!*, *Gracias México* (2001), *Mastruzzi indaga* (2002), *Oltretorrente* (2003), *Nahui* (2005), *Un po' per amore, un po' per*

rabbia (2008), *Le balene lo sanno. Viaggio nella California messicana* (2009, premio Emilio Salgari 2010), *¡Viva la vida!* (2010; "Audiolibri Emons-Feltrinelli", 2011), *Nessuno può portarti un fiore* (2012, premio Chiara), *Mahahual* (2014), *Quelli del San Patricio* (2015), *Mujeres* (2018; con Stefano Delli Veneri nella collana Feltrinelli Comics).

Ha tradotto in Italia numerosi autori spagnoli e latinoamericani, tra cui Claudia Piñeiro, Enrique Vila-Matas, Ricardo Piglia, David Trueba, Gabriel Trujillo Muñoz, Manuel Rivas, Carmen Boullosa, Maruja Torres, Carlos Franz, Manuel Vicent.

Alcuni suoi romanzi sono tradotti in 7 lingue e una delle sue opere è al momento opzionata per una serie Tv Internazionale.



Author: ANGELO FERRACUTI (text) – GIOVANNI MARROZZINI (photography)

Title: **JOURNEY ON THE RIVER WORLD. AMAZON**
(VIAGGIO SUL FIUME MONDO. AMAZZONIA)

Pages: 250 + 40 photographs

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FINALIST AT ALESSANDRO LEOGRANDE AWARD 2023

**THE REPORTAGE ON THE EXPLOITED AND
PLUNDERED LANDS WHERE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE**

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FIRST REPRINT AFTER ONE MONTH!

A FASCINATING STORY IN WORDS AND PICTURES THAT AIMS AT RENEWING THE TRADITION OF REPORTAGE, ON THE TRAIL OF GREAT MASTERS SUCH AS SEBASTIÃO SALGADO AND NORMAN LEWIS, THE AMERICAN JOURNALIST WHO, WITH "GENOCIDE" ("SUNDAY TIMES" 1969), EXPOSED THE TRAGEDY OF THE AMAZONIAN PEOPLES TO THE WHOLE WORLD.

"Crossing the borders of the Amazon rainforest, to its most hidden and dangerous depths, is a privilege reserved for a few. It takes courage, the right contacts, a pinch of healthy madness to enter the heart of that noisy silence called "the lung of the Earth", where uncontacted tribes still live, who want nothing to know about modernity, and animals that no biologist has so far labeled. The writer Angelo Ferracuti and the photographer Giovanni Marrozzini, with this reportage book, take the reader by the hand or push him to that last frontier." **Sara Gandolfi, Corriere della Sera**

"A reportage that is also an exploration of an extraordinary human culture that is increasingly at risk". **Alberto Riva, Il Venerdì di Repubblica**

For years the river world has been the magnificent obsession of Angelo Ferracuti and photographer Giovanni Marrozzini: a book came out of it, that, like the classic "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men" by James Agee and Walker Evans, is not afraid of expressing itself in two different languages, one independent from the other: literary reportage and story in pictures. They both aim at reaching the ancient heart of a devastated world on which our survival, as well as its own, nevertheless depends.

Angelo and Giovanni set up the motorboat *Amalassunta* and traveled up the largest river of the planet: they met the peoples living in the heart of the forest, some on the brink of extinction, others threatened by loggers, gold diggers, multinational oil companies. The more

they move forward, the more you have the distinct feeling of hanging in the balance between the damages of exploitation and the dazzling remainders of many tenacious identities. Giovanni, attracted by the myths of creation, by the deep original cultures, by the ritual celebrations, leaves us with a tormented as well as magical vision of bodies, eyes, vegetation and water.

Angelo makes us feel the beauty of places and peoples threatened by oil companies, deforesting fazendeiros, far-right paramilitary groups.

Together with the degradation, the toxic waters, the drugs and the prostitution, the political intelligence of opponents emerges, as well as the critical exercise of those who won't give in, the stubborn resistance of the peoples: that of the Yanomami in Catrimani and of the leader Davi Kopenawa, that of the Waimiri Atroari, the revival of the Assembly of the Guarani people in the Chaco, the militancy of Radio Ucamara in Nauta, Peru, the coexistence of twenty-three different indigenous ethnicities in São Gabriel da Cachoeira.

Fearless captains, Angelo and Giovanni left their *Amalassunta* to the *Piccolo Nazareno* Association, so that it could become a floating school - a new, small, form of resistance.

As Ryszard Kapuscinski says: "only when traveling a reporter feels at home».

And this is what happened to Angelo and Giovanni, fearless captains of the *Amalassunta*. From the river's mouth to its source, the trip renews and explores the urgency to get to know and bear witness to a world as doomed as it is determined to resist.

This trip has been documented throughout ten videos *Viaggio nel fiume mondo* "Journey on the river world":

<https://lab.greenandblue.it/2021/viaggio-sul-fiume-mondo/>

Angelo Ferracuti has written novels and narrative reportages, including *Il costo della vita* ("The Cost of Life", Einaudi, 2013, with a photographic insert by Mario Dondero, winner of "Lo Straniero" Prize), *Andare, camminare, lavorare* ("Going, Walking, Working", Feltrinelli, 2015), *Addio* ("Farewell", Chiarelettere, 2016), *La metà del cielo* ("Half of the sky", Mondadori, 2019), *Non ci resta che l'amore* ("Love is all we have left", Saggiatore, 2021). He collaborates with a number of newspapers and magazines, and with Radio3.

Giovanni Marrozzini (Fermo, 1971) has carried out numerous reportages in Africa, Central and South America, the Balkans and the Middle East that were collected in photographic books.

Winner of many national and international prizes, in 2016 he founded *Parolamia*: in collaboration with the bookstore Hoepli, he exchanges his images (limited edition) with new literature, history and art books, creating a library for his children and other libraries around the world. His website is www.morrozzini.com



Author: ANGELO FERRACUTI

Title: LOVE IS ALL WE HAVE LEFT
(NON CI RESTA CHE L'AMORE)

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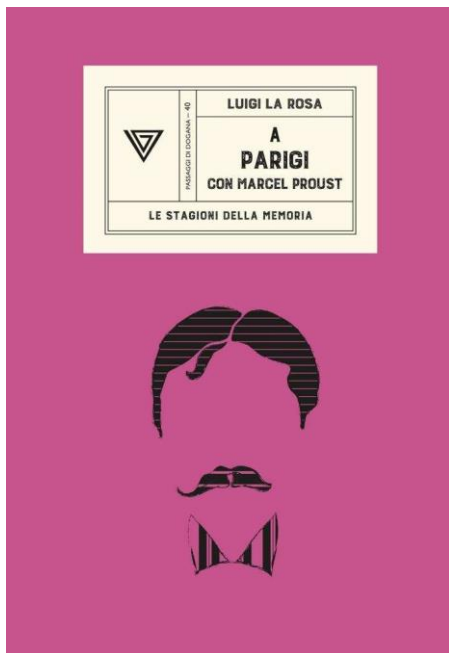
FIRST REPRINT AFTER TWO WEEKS!

THE TALE OF A GREAT FRIENDSHIP AND THE EXCEPTIONAL LIFE OF A MAN WHO, WITH A CAMERA AROUND HIS NECK, HAS INSATIABLY CHASED HISTORY.

«Mario Dondero always appears all of a sudden, with his unmistakable step, his tartan cap pulled down over his head and the small Leica in his hand, with which he is capable of inventing life, here and now, in the miraculous instant of an encounter».

Paris, 1950s. A few people are gathered in the middle of a street, they are still, as if waiting for something or someone. One of them has bristly grey hair, another is almost bald, he's chatting with a mustached man, his hands folded over his chest; yet another is spitting out smoke from a cigarette, absorbed in who knows what thoughts. Somebody is there, in front of them, with a Leica in his hand, he pushes the button, click. The photograph we are holding now, sixty-two years later, looks like a stolen or accidental snapshot; yet Mario Dondero's finger leaves nothing to chance, and the picture he took of Samuel Beckett, Claude Simon, Robbe-Grillet and the other figures of the French literary avant-garde is one of his masterpieces. But Dondero does not surround himself only with the outstanding people of the century - Fidel Castro, Pasolini, Francis Bacon -: he goes searching for life in the most remote corners of the planet, tireless and insatiable, shooting and shooting. Pictures of Iraqi bakers, Tunisian farmers, Portuguese fishermen, French workers on strike, because even those with no name have something to tell. Where he doesn't find life, he invents it, every roll is a metamorphosis of reality into poetry. For those who met him, Dondero is the former partisan impassioned for humanity, an «elf of places» constantly traveling, in search of the beating heart that pumps blood into History. Angelo Ferracuti, who has been Dondero's friend and disciple, achieves the metamorphosis of reality into art, he writes about the adventure of this extraordinary life and, with a dense and emotional style, tells of an era of anticipation and hope, an era when everything was still possible. "Love is all we have left", just like a photograph, captures the unique moment when human experience transmutes into a universal tale.

Angelo Ferracuti is a writer born in 1960. He is the author of *Attenti al cane* ("Beware of the Dog", 2000), *Le risorse umane* ("Human Resources", 2006- winner of the "**Sandro Onofri**" Prize), *Viaggi da Fermo* ("Travels from Fermo", 2009), *Il costo della vita* ("The Cost of Life", Einaudi, 2103, winner of "**Lo Straniero**" Prize), *Andare, camminare, lavorare* ("Going, Walking, Working", Feltrinelli, 2015), *Addio* ("Farewell", Chiarelettere, 2016). He writes for "Il Manifesto", "Avvenire", "Venerdì di Repubblica" and "La Lettura" of "Corriere della Sera".



Author: LUIGI LA ROSA
Title: IN PARIS WITH MARCEL PROUST
(A PARIGI CON MARCEL PROUST)

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THE ANTIQUE FLAVOR OF THE PARIS OF PROUST

FOR 100th ANNIVERSARY OF MARCEL PROUST'S DEATH

Proust arrives here suffering and sick - of obsession, of love, of unspeakable nostalgia, after having transformed flat on boulevard Haussmann. A smaller, resigned house and no protection from the noise rising from the neighbouring houses. In the living room, the eternal portrait of Jacques-Émile Blanche; on the funereal furniture - the dressing tables from previous dwellings, the chaise-longue of exhaustion, the screen Chinese screen and the low bamboo stool - the papers impregnated by fatigue. The latest volumes of the Recherche are in printed and the paper is overflowing with the haemorrhage of revisions. Long, flowing words and side notes in addition, which multiply the width of the italics.

On the bedside table the crowding of medicines - those of the most hypochondriac of writers - the bottles of Veronal, the Evian water, the narrow Legras powder cartridges, the increasingly massive doses of cocaine, caffeine, the pearls of amyl. And then the fireplace, in the back, as big as a mouth, from which come, violent, the gusts of the harsh Parisian winter.

From the luxurious hedges of the Luxembourg Garden or of the Parc Monceau, where, as a child, Marcel takes his first amazed steps, to the sumptuous salons of the Faubourg Saint-Germain or to the mundane nights at the Hôtel Ritz, the biography of Marcel Proust is inextricably linked to the city of Paris and its numerous seductions.

The Ville Lumière is not only the place of inspiration, the hub of literary fascination, nor the vanishing point for his need for the absolute: for the young novelist embarking on his life it is above all the setting for friendships, for intellectual partnerships, for meaningful connections, for tormented and intense liaisons, like the one with Lucien Daudet, the elating and mutual passion for the composer Reynaldo Hahn, the troubled and final one for the secretary-aviator Alfred Agostinelli.

If existence is the devouring spectacle from which Marcel Proust's fruitful pen draws, Paris becomes its luminous backstage, its iridescent backdrop, an enchanted and magical space reflecting the monumental structure of the *Recherche*.

Luigi La Rosa was born in Messina in 1974, and lives between Italy and Paris. He collaborates with newspapers and magazines, teaches creative writing, and for Rizzoli-Bur he curated the volumes *Pensieri di Natale* ("Christmas thoughts"), *Pensieri Erotici* ("Erotic thoughts"), *L'anno che verrà* ("The year that's about to come") and *L'alfabeto dell'amore* ("The alphabet of love"). One of his short stories appeared in the collection *Quello che c'è tra di noi - storie d'amore omosessuale* ("What's between us - stories of homosexual love"), Manni Editori. He is the author of *Solo a Parigi e non altrove - una guida sentimentale* ("Only in Paris and not elsewhere - a sentimental guide") and *Quel nome è amore* ("That name is love"). For Touring Club he curated the literary and artistic section of the latest green guide to Paris. His previous novel *L'uomo senza inverno* ("The man without winter") a novel dedicated to Gustave Caillebote (2020) has been published by Piemme in 2020.



Author: MIMMO LUCANO (DOMENICO)

Title: **THE OUTLAW. THE LONG-LASTING BATTLE OF AN ALONE MAN**
(IL FUORILEGGE. LA LUNGA BATTAGLIA DI UN UOMO SOLO)

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3rd PLACE IN THE WORLD MAYOR PRIZE, BERN PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE 2015,
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DRESDEN PEACE PRIZE 2017

HOWEVER, WE KNOW THAT LUCANO IS AN OUTLAW.

CAN WE BREAK AN UNJUST LAW? AN INTIMATE STORY AND AT THE SAME TIME "PUBLIC", WHICH TESTS OUR DEMOCRACY AND, ABOVE ALL, OURSELVES.

AN INTIMATE STORY, FULL OF TRAGEDY, EMOTION AND SMALL GESTURES THAT, BECOME ENORMOUS. A DIRECT AND PROFOUND TESTIMONY THAT INVITES US TO OPEN OUR EYES ASKING ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND ESPECIALLY ABOUT WHO WE WANT TO BE.

"I have seen a country able to solve, through hospitality, not only the problem of refugees, but its own problem: that of continuing to resist, of not dying for the depopulation and immigration. This story must make us think on how it is possible to converge the aim of hospitality with the scope of local development. The true utopia is not the fall of the wall, but what has been realised in some towns of the Calabria region, Riace at the top." **Wim Wenders during a Nobel Prize Summit in Berlin**

After the documentary "The flight" short film directed by Wim Wenders and set in Riace (2010), the German director and producer will make a new film with Lucano and the Pope.

"I know your initiatives, your personal struggles and your sufferings, therefore, I express my admiration and gratitude for your intelligent and courageous work in favor of our refugee brothers and sisters. The doors of my house will always be open for you and for this new network ».

Pope Francis

"The arrest of Domenico Lucano is the first act towards the authoritarian state". **Roberto Saviano**

"Ours is a small community which is draining. We already know that our future is elsewhere".

It was 1999 when Mimmo Lucano had the idea of restoring hope to the almost deserted, small village of Riace (Calabria, South Italy). Nowadays, in the houses previously abandoned in the centre live hundreds of refugees; that in a system of spread acceptance have been able to rebuild their own families and, first of all, have restarted the economy of the country. Agriculture and farming did not almost exist at Riace at that time. The only chance for its people was escaping from the village.

Then, the refugees' acceptance changed everything. In addition to the asylum- seekers, were born new work opportunities: in preschools, multilingual schools and finally organic gardens. Houses had been renovated and the village restored the lightning system again. Therefore, restaurants and workshops reopened. It was the dream of Mimmo Lucano: **"The real public work is what we are not able to see"** Riace started to live once again.

However, we know that Lucano is an outlaw. On the 2nd October 2018, while the Minister of the Interior was under the responsibility of Matteo Salvini, Lucano had been arrested, accused of facilitation of illegal immigration and illicit in the direct custody of the waste collection service.

His story is the one of our country, because Lucano had the courage of indicating the border beyond the democracy, which betrayed its own fundamental values. And he asked a radical question, maybe frightful, but necessary: Can we break an unjust law? An intimate story, full of tragedy, emotion and small gestures that, become enormous. A direct and profound testimony that invites us to open our eyes asking about who we are and especially about who we want to be.

Domenico (Mimmo) Lucano was born in Melito di Porto Salvo in 1958 after working as a teacher and human rights activist, he was mayor of Riace between 2004 and 2018. He gained worldwide attention thanks to his innovative approach to refugees in the context of the European migrant crisis. In the 2018 he was suspended after the arrest on 2nd October.

2010 - 3rd place in the [World Mayor Prize](#), a worldwide competition organized by the *City Mayors Foundation* which, every two years, ranks the ranking of the best mayors in the world. One commentator supporting his nomination described the mayor Lucano as *the Mahatma Gandhi of our times*. Believing that a man is a man with or without legal documents.

2015 - [Bern Peace and Human Rights Prize](#). Domenico Lucano put a surprising counterpoint to the basic defense against refugees in the recent debate on asylum, in Italy and beyond the media far beyond. It has made visible opportunities that can be human, meaningful and rewarding for all those involved.

2016 -The mayor of Riace in Calabria has come **[40th in Fortune magazine's ranking of the world's 50 greatest leaders](#)** for his work in rejuvenating the once-dwindling town by recognising the potential of immigrants in a way that could prove a model amid Europe's refugee crisis.

2017 - [Dresden Peace Prize](#). "Domenico Lucano is an example to all of us, a role model regardless of political conviction, skin color, religious belief, and national borders. Indeed, *Christ did not stop at Eboli*, referring to the famous autobiographical book by Carlo Levi."



**Author: IOLE MANCINI with
CONCETTO VECCHIO**

**Title: A PARTISAN LOVE
(UN AMORE PARTIGIANO)**

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FIUGGI HISTORY PRIZE 2023

THIS BOOK TELLS A GREAT TALE OF LOVE AND FREEDOM IN OCCUPIED ITALY. IOLE MANCINI BECAME A PARTISAN AT TWENTY YEARS OLD AND SHE REMAINED ONE FOR ALL HER LIFE.

“Priebke tortured me in Via Tasso, but I didn’t betray my partisan love.”

THE LAST SURVIVOR OF VIA TASSO TELLS ABOUT THE MOST TRAGIC CHAPTER OF OUR HISTORY. THE NAZI PRISON, THE INTERROGATIONS, THE TORTURES. BUT ALSO A GREAT LOVE STORY THAT BECOMES A NOVEL.

“Once cornered, the enemy flees. The heroic lookouts shout from the peaks.” The postcards are all addressed to “Dear Miss Iole Mancini”, 7, Mignanelli square.

Ernesto wrote: “10 to go. 12 to go. 13 to go”. The days until his leave. There was no need for small talk. In one, however, “Ernesto loves you” is written. The war had broken out and Ernesto was stationed in Florence. From there he sent Iole illustrated postcards of the Italian army, with funny drawings of soldiers. Then September 8th happened, and history suddenly changed. The Germans occupied Rome. Iole Mancini and Ernesto Borghesi entered the Resistance as partisans. He was arrested on April 7th, 1944, after the failed attempt to assassinate Vittorio Mussolini, and taken to Regina Coeli prison. He managed to escape.

She, on the other hand, was imprisoned in Via Tasso. Those who ended up there knew they would suffer torture and abuse. It was impossible to escape from that place; in fact, nobody did. Many died there. Iole was among the two thousand prisoners, probably the only one who is still alive. Erich Priebke, responsible for the Fosse Ardeatine massacre, was in the German prison that was the symbol of the Nazi occupation of Rome. Iole, who is 101 years old today, will never forget his tortures, nor the words that for days she kept repeating to the SS guards who interrogated her to find out where her husband was: Ernesto is at Regina Coeli.

This book tells a great tale of love and freedom in occupied Italy. Iole Mancini became a partisan at twenty years old. And she remained one for all her life.

Iole Mancini was born in Rome on February 19th, 1920. She was a *staffetta*, a partisan courier, for the Garibaldi Brigade.

Concetto Vecchio is a journalist in the political news section of “Repubblica” and writes for “Venerdì”. With Feltrinelli, he published *Giorgiana Masi* (2017) e *Cacciateli! Quando i migranti eravamo noi* (“Throw them out! When we were the migrants”, 2019).



Author: FILIPPO MENGA

Title: THIRST. THE GLOBAL QUEST TO SOLVE THE WATER CRISIS

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A groundbreaking study of the global water crisis. Solving the global water crisis is an immense challenge with unclear causes and few solutions. While there are many drivers of the crisis, the global water crisis is only global in the sense that there are people in regions all over the world who are condemned to insecure water access. Building on a critique of recent responses to the water crisis and their contradictions, the book interrogates how savior-like 'high priests' of a fetishised global developmentalism – embodied by celebrities, CEOs, and sustainability directors – are shaping global water governance. **If humanity is to escape the current deadlock that bedevils access to clean water around the world, it has to reconsider both its faith in the market and its relationship with nature.**

Filippo Menga is Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Bergamo and a Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Reading. In 2015, just a few months after completing his Ph.D., he won a prestigious Marie Curie research fellowship, which enabled him to work for two years in the renowned Department of Geography at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. After obtaining a permanent lecturership at the Department of Geography at the University of Reading, he was awarded the Scopus-Fulbright Prize in 2018 as the best early career researcher in the field of social sciences in the United Kingdom (<https://www.elsevier.com/awards/early-career-researcher-uk-awards/scopus>). In 2021, he decided to return to Italy after being appointed Associate Professor at the University of Bergamo, where he continues to teach.

Starting in January 2024, Menga will become the new Editor-in-Chief of the academic journal Political Geography (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/political-geography>), published by the Dutch publishing giant Elsevier. Political Geography is one of the most important journals in the fields of Geography and Political Science worldwide, with hundreds of thousands of accesses every year. In its 42-year history, this will be the first time that its editor will not be American or British.

Recognized as one of the leading experts in international water politics, Menga has authored numerous articles published in major international journals in the field of geography. He is also the author of the book "Power and Water in Central Asia" (Routledge) and the co-editor (with Erik Swyngedouw) of "Water, Technology and the Nation-State" (Earthscan). "**Thirst**" will be published by Verso Books in August 2024.



Author: ANGELO MOLICA FRANCO
Title: THE EXTRAORDINARY DARKNESS. THE BIRTH OF HOMOSEXUAL IDENTITY IN THE 20TH CENTURY NOVEL

(IL BUIO STRAORDINARIO. LA NASCITA DELL'IDENTITA' OMOSESSUALE NEL ROMANZO DEL NOVECENTO)

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Publication date: 18th November 2023

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A BRILLIANT LITERARY INVESTIGATION INTO THE EMERGENCE OF HOMOSEXUAL IDENTITY IN THE 20TH CENTURY.

A PASSIONATE, INTIMATE AND POP NARRATIVE JOURNEY

At the beginning of the 20th century, in the Recherche, Baron de Charlus would never admit it. Neither will Marcel Proust. Almost the whole century has passed, and Pier Vittorio Tondelli and all the Other Libertines want to shout it to the world.

Moreover, today is quick to say homosexual. When, at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, Freud discovered that submerged and bursting emotional magma of passions and instincts called the unconscious - that antechamber of the conscious will that precedes and generates it -, he was in fact pronouncing that the destiny of the modern being, child of progress, would be restlessness. With the industrial revolution, in the transition from the rural world to the new world, man in fact breaks the chains of imitation and continuation of the past, but at the same time loses the contours of his own identity. And it is at that precise moment of the crisis of creation, as villages turn into cities and the train connects civilisation, that the different people broaden the horizon of their landscape and realise they are not alone.

This, then, is Angelo Molica Franco's starting intuition, that modern homosexual identity - an idea untethered from the old concepts of illegal pederasty or sinful sodomy - is in every way an unwanted child of the Industrial Revolution. And in order to take a closer look at its full development throughout the 20th century, in this fast-paced narrative essay, the author chooses to investigate the most insidious field, the human heart, from the most pungent spotlight of reality: literature. From Gide's *The Immoralist* and Forster's *Maurice*, through Proust's *Sodom and Gomorrah* and Isherwood's *Farewell to Berlin*, to Barthes' *A Lover's Discourse: Fragments* and Tondelli's *Other Libertines*, the author searches for and interprets in the pages of the classics decade after decade the facts, customs and memories of generations of homosexuals in the short century. Interweaving documents, letters, paintings and songs, and gracefully scattering snapshots of biographical narrative - proving that no work of art is possible without personal compromise -, the result is a passionate and cultured,

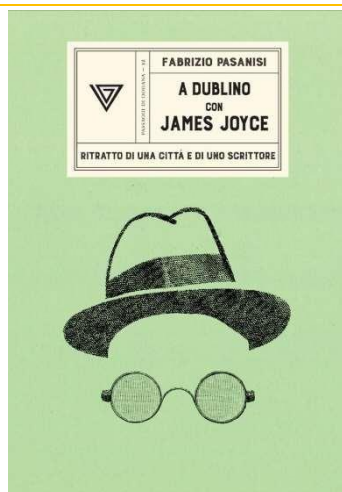
intimate and pop reflection on the bumpy road of homosexuals to live in the sunlight and abandon the guilt of darkness.

But above all, it investigates the micro-stories of fabulous protagonists, witnesses with their own existence of what extraordinary darkness is: not only the well-known Karl Heinrich Ulrichs or Amanda Lear; but also forgotten names such as the photographer Wilhelm von Gloeden, known for his male nudes, or the civil rights pioneer Edward Carpenter; and finally unpublished characters such as Ferdinand Grimm, the homosexual brother of the Grimm brothers and also a fairy tale writer, or the first known drag queen, the black American William Dorsey Swann. This is so that the play of mirrors between history and literature is reflected in the lives lived in extraordinary darkness: a legacy, an emotional magma, a collective memory that every homosexual carries within.

With a personal writing style, the author succeeds in involving the reader in this hitherto unprecedented investigation, without renouncing fleeting and luminous snapshots of autobiographical storytelling, so as to discreetly accompany the book's protagonists as they abandon the guilt of darkness, while at the same time raising the temperature of the narrative. The result is a passionate, intimate and pop narrative journey that opens up glimpses of light on the characters and literary works of the 20th century and, of course, on the lives of the writers who created them.

A literary investigation conducted with such an elegant and passionate language that it ignites in the reader the desire to go back and read, or read for the first time, the novel reviewed, as if Molica Franco's lens of observation has given them an additional depth of humanity.

Angelo Molica Franco is a journalist, writer and translator. He writes for the pages of *il Venerdì di Repubblica* and *il Fatto Quotidiano*. His short stories have been published by *La Repubblica* and *Il Foglio*. He is the author of *A Parigi con Colette* (Giulio Perrone Editore, 2018).



Author: FABRIZIO PASANISI

Title: **TO DUBLIN WITH JAMES JOYCE**
(A DUBLINO CON JAMES JOYCE)

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**HOW COULD JOYCE EXIST WITHOUT DUBLIN, AND
TODAY, HOW COULD DUBLIN EXIST WITHOUT JOYCE?**

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Corriere della Sera

“Joyce left Dublin at the age of 22 but the toponymy of his hometown is the true matrix of his literature. Pasanisi’s book reconstructs the puzzle.” **Il Sole 24 ore**

The union between these two entities, however, is not so obvious: Joyce lived in Dublin only a third of his life, from birth (February 2, 1882) until his final departure for the continent (October 8, 1904). Even though he was so obsessed from those first twenty-two years to choose the city and its surroundings as almost unique setting of their works. Moreover, if today the writer is revered by his fellow citizens, and has become an ideal guide to move in the Irish capital, he left it by slamming the door. He was never tender with his native land and even treated it badly, first also telling its darker aspects, then dedicating to them a comic masterpiece that reveals their strengths and weaknesses. To describe this relationship, and capture its many facets, in the first part the book analyzes the years lived by Joyce in the city, and the few occasions on which he returned. He then concentrated on the works, in particular on *Gente di Dublin* and *Ulisse*. Joyce was the first to offer a careful and meticulous portrait of the Irish capital and its citizens, initially in a realistic perspective, then increasingly visionary.

The transformation of the pages of the first Joyce up to those of the mature and revolutionary works, is felt, as well as in the style, also in the relationship with the city and in its description: Dublin gradually becomes a symbolic space, with Mediterranean echoes, the place of eternal wandering in the protagonist of *Ulysses*, Leopold Bloom, the central figure.

Fabrizio Pasanisi, writer and journalist, was born in Naples and lives in Rome. He wrote *Bert e il Mago* (Nutrimenti, 2013), winner of the **Bagutta Prize 2014** as a debut novel. In 2014 has published *L’isola che scompare* (Nutrimenti). He has translated and edited the works of R.L. Stevenson *Il riflusso della marea* (Sellerio, 1994) and *Gli allegri compari* (Nutrimenti, 2016), and *Il salvataggio* di J. Conrad (Nutrimenti, 2014).



Author: FABRIZIO PASANISI

Title: IN SAINT PETERSBURG WITH VLADIMIR NABOKOV

(A SAN PIETROBURGO CON VLADIMIR NABOKOV)

Pages: 179

First Publisher: Perrone editore

Publication date: 26th August 2021

Rights: Worldwide

SAINT PETERSBURG IS A SORCERESS, AS NABOKOV SAYS, PENETRATED BY THE RIVER, POSSESSED BY ENVELOPING NATURE.

Immersed in the mystic light of Saint Petersburg's white nights, Nabokov is a child and later an adult along its wide streets, absorbing the atmosphere of the city of Anna Karenina, of Pushkin, of Dostoevsky. Vladimir Nabokov spends eighteen years there, from his birth in 1899, in a family of ancient nobility, until 1917, when they are forced to flee after the Revolution. Despite the distance, the writer will carry Saint Petersburg with him for the rest of his life and nostalgically remember the years of the silver age of Russian literature, rippling with ideas, verse and music: these are the years of Blok, of Mandelstam and Bely, of Akhmatova and Stravinsky. Berlin, Paris, Switzerland, the United States, Nabokov moves accompanied by words, by chess and by the unique gaze he is able to lay on literature - but the beginning is always there, in Saint Petersburg, which is Nevsky prospect, it's the Winter Palace, it's the statue of the Bronze Horseman, but it's especially the theater of the education of Nabokov, novelist, playwright, entomologist and literary critic, that despite all remains profoundly Russian. Fabrizio Pasanisi retraces the windy streets of Saint Petersburg with the eyes of Lolita's author, he outlines an itinerary of the years of his Russian life in a city where we could perhaps still meet a nose Gogol missed, Pushkin preparing for his fatal duel, some chess pieces so dear to Nabokov or a butterfly ready to be studied: what is certain is that there still are the benevolent ghosts of all the great Russians that from Saint Petersburg have drawn lifeblood and inspiration.

Vladimir Nabokov was born in Saint Petersburg in 1899, eldest son of a family of ancient nobility. The entire Nabokov family was forced to flee the city in 1917, and never went back, after the revolutionary movement that brought the Bolsheviks to power, changing the face of history. This book tells the story of the writer's first 18 years, the ones of his education, studies, first loves, everything lived in a historical period that saw in Saint Petersburg one of the cultural capitals of the world. Music, poetry, art - the local scene is a continuous rippling of ideas, and the young man is influenced by it. It is especially the love developed for his home city during those first 18 years that is told, he will carry it with him, nostalgically, for the next

60, until his death in 1977. This book is the ideal guide of a magical city, rich in history and extraordinary characters, a city made even more fascinating by Nabokov's profound insight.

Fabrizio Pasanisi, writer and journalist, was born in Naples and lives in Rome. He wrote *Bert e il Mago* ("Bert and the Wizard", Nutrimenti, 2013) about the lives of Bertold Brecht and Thomas Mann, **Bagutta Prize 2014** debut novel and **mention of the jury at Calvino Prize**. In 2014 he published the non-fiction novel *L'isola che scompare. Viaggio nell'Irlanda di Joyce e Yeats* ("The disappearing island. Journey to the Ireland of Joyce and Yeats", Nutrimenti). In 2019, *A Dublino con James Joyce. Ritratto di una città e di uno scrittore* ("In Dublin with James Joyce. Portrait of a city and a writer", Giulio Perrone editore).



Author: ENRICO PEDEMONTE

Title: FEAR OF SCIENCE. THE ERA OF DISTRUST FROM CREATIONISM TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

(PAURA DELLA SCIENZA. L'ETÀ DELLA SFIDUCIA DAL CREAZIONISMO ALL'INTELLIGENZA ARTIFICIALE)

Pages: 279

First Publisher: Treccani Libri

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"A fundamental book for understanding this strange era we are living in. I recommend it not only to those who deal with science, but also to philosophers, sociologists, those who deal with digital or communication... in short, to all those who practice (or should) critical thinking." **Marco Filoni**

"A book that clearly addresses how the role of Science in society evolves, between knowledge and fear." **Il Sole 24 Ore**

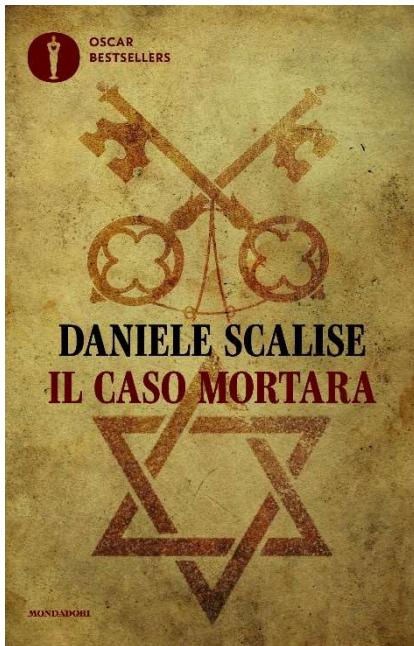
"Pedemonte draws precisely on the journalist's background to reconstruct, as if it were a crime still without guilt, the loss of confidence in Western science. He does so from stories and characters he has come across over the years as a journalist in the field or that he has reconstructed through painstaking archival work." **La Repubblica**

"Pedemonte's book follows step by step everything that has happened in the last half century to reconstruct how this epistemological abjection came about. And it squares the lies of scientists driven by self-interest or blind hypertrophy, it squares the bungling of Big Pharma, the spins of political alignments, perhaps in good faith but certainly confusing public opinion." **La Repubblica Salute**

Why are many people suspicious of or hostile towards vaccines, that nonetheless have saved so many lives? Starting from this question, Enrico Pedemonte goes back to the origins of distrust in science, today widespread: to the reasons that pushed American Evangelists to create an alternative to Darwinism, industry (from tobacco to oil) to make colossal

investments in order to challenge scientific consensus, environmentalists to discredit biotech, the postmodern movement to attack the certainties of experts. While the roots of anti-vax denialism emerge, the author demonstrates how research has unfortunately become an increasingly privatized field, in which scams are growing by the number. And he reaches the conclusion that “the rebellion” against science is just another form through which individuals oppose Power. In this context, artificial intelligence is taking on a central role in the ongoing technological revolution: destined to change the world at a never-seen-before rate, perhaps to become the only science, AI promises to solve many dramatic problems of the planet. The downside is that it depends on a progressively limited number of private companies. The public control of this immense Power therefore becomes an essential objective to contain and defeat the growing skepticism and rage (also) towards science.

Enrico Pedemonte, a University Degree in Physics, is a journalist and writer. He was a reporter for “Secolo XIX”, a correspondent from New York City for “Espresso”, managing editor of “Repubblica” and editor-in-chief of “Pagina99”. He is currently a contributor for the monthly magazine “Limes”. He focused on science and technology, international politics and economy. He published the essays *Personal Media* (Bollati Boringhieri, 1998), *Morte e resurrezione dei giornali* (“Death and resurrection of newspapers”, Garzanti, 2010) and, together with Vincenzo Tagliasco, *Vantaggi dello sbom demografico* (“Advantages of the demographic drop”, FrancoAngeli, 1996) and *Genova per chi* (“Genoa for whom”, Trilli editore, 2006). He also wrote two novels: *La seconda vita* (“The second life”, Frassinelli, 2018) and *L’ultima partita* (“The last game”, Rizzoli, 2022).



Author: DANIELE SCALISE

**Title: EDGARDO MORTARA CASE.
(IL CASO MORTARA)**

Pages: 250

First Publisher: Mondadori

Publication: 1997 – new edition 11th April 2023

Rights: Worldwide

Film rights: Kavac Film

MARCO BELLOCCHIO'S LATEST MOVIE, *KIDNAPPED*, IT'S BASED ON "EDGARDO MORTARA CASE" BY DANIELE SCALISE. IT TELLS THE STORY OF EDGARDO MORTARA, A JEWISH CHILD KIDNAPPED BY THE POPE (BOLOGNA, ITALY, 1858) BECAUSE HE WAS SECRETLY BAPTIZED AT THE AGE OF 7 BY HIS HOUSEKEEPER. HE WAS LATER EDUCATED BY THE POPE TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH TO BECOME A PRIEST.

THE RELEASE OF THE MOVIE IS EXPECTED BY 25th MAY 2023



About the movie:

Rapito

Director: Marco Bellocchio.

Writers: Marco Bellocchio and Susanna Nicchiarelli, with the collaboration of Edoardo Albinati and Daniela Ceselli.

Co-Production: IBC Movie e Kavac Film with Rai Cinema, Ad Vitam Production (Francia), The Match Factory (Germania).

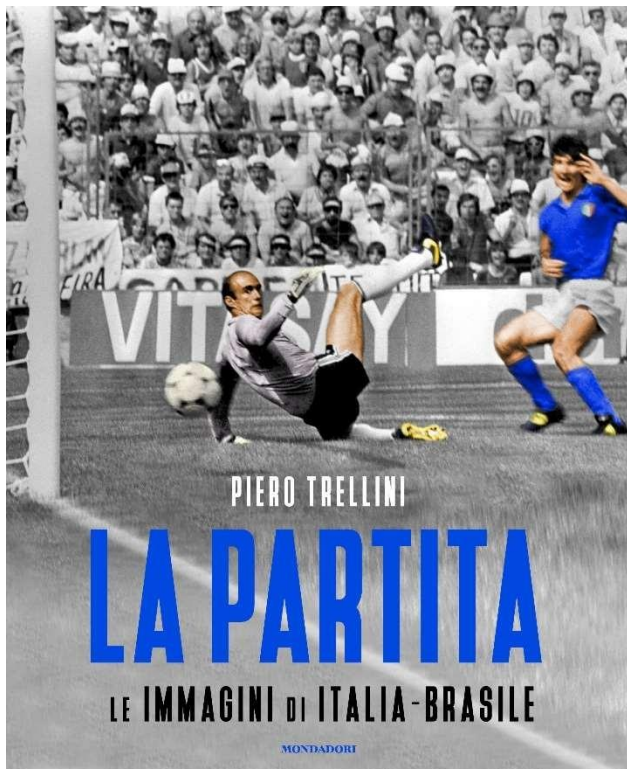
With the participation of Canal +, Cine' + e Br/Arte France Cinéma.

Date of released: 25th May, 2023

"What interests Bellocchio - the words of the **CEO of Rai Cinema Paolo Del Brocco** to 'Variety' - is the mystery of conversion, which originates in a terrible violence perpetrated against a child. Faced with such a complex historical event Bellocchio will have the approach of an agnostic artist".

Bologna, June, 1858: The papal guards, by order of the Inquisition, snatch from his parents arms a child of seven, Edgardo Mortara, son of a modest jew merchant, who was secretly baptized by his Catholic maid. To free Edgardo intervened unnecessarily Napoleon III, Emperor Franz Joseph and the president of the United States. The adamant Pope Pius IX, renamed Edgardo and directs him to an ecclesiastical career. Don Pio-Edgardo spends a life tormented by a deep manic-depressive neurosis. His private diaries, that the author of the book has found in a Roman convent, reveal the drama of a man turned into a symbol.

Daniele Scalise, writer and journalist, has worked for RAI as director and programmer, and for Quotidiani Associati as war zones correspondent. In his writing he has committed on racial and sexual discrimination (antisemitism and homophobia). *Lettera di un padre omosessuale alla figlia* (Rizzoli, 2008) is a letter to explain his homosexuality to his daughter. The essay *Il caso Mortara*. was published by Mondadori in 1997 and in Spring 2023 has been published the new edition. **Daniele Scalise has written an historical fiction novel about Edgardo Mortara story, *A Place Beneath This Sky* (Un posto sotto questo cielo), Longanesi, 9th May 2023**



Author: PIERO TRELLINI

Title: THE MATCH – THE IMAGES OF ITALY-BRAZIL

(LA PARTITA. LE IMMAGINI DI ITALIA BRASILE)

Pages: 228

First Publisher: Mondadori

Publication date: 29th June 2022

Rights: Worldwide

JULY 5TH, 2022 MARKS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHAT HAS BEEN DEFINED “THE MOST INCREDIBLE MATCH IN THE HISTORY OF SOCCER”

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THIS EXCEPTIONAL STORY IN PICTURES, A REAL "ILLUSTRATED AUTHOR'S BOOK", IS BORN FROM "ITALY-BRAZIL THE MATCH" THE NOVEL BY PIERO TRELLINI PUBLISHED IN 2019 AND BECAME A CULT BOOK AND A REAL PUBLISHING HIT: TENS OF THOUSANDS OF COPIES SOLD, WINNER OF THE BANCARELLA SPORT AWARD, ACCLAIMED BY CRITICS.

A SKY DOCU SERIES BASED ON THE NOVEL AND WRITTEN ALSO BY PIERO TRELLINI WILL BE ON AIR AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY!

La partita. Il romanzo di Italia Brasile (Mondadori, 2019) - Rights sold to: Debate/Penguin Random House SP (Spanish World), Grande Area Livros (Brazil), Pitch Publishing (English World).

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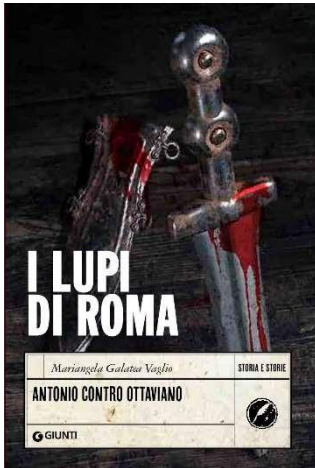
On July 5th, 1982, Italy and Brazil face each other “in the hottest afternoon of the century” to advance to the semi-finals of the “Mundial 1982”. Predictions are closed for the match; the Brazil of Zico, Socrates, Junior, Falcao is super favorite, and faces an Italian team that until that moment has never shone, with a center forward - Paolo Rossi - who has yet to score a goal in the whole competition.

But those ninety minutes will overturn all predictions, Rossi will score a hat trick and Italy will win 3-2 a match destined to remain in the history of soccer, as well as leave a mark on a generation of fans all over the world.

After telling the story of Italy-Brazil in a book that was defined by Antonio D'Orrico “a super novel”, Piero Trellini, who has collected images, objects and accounts relating to the match for all his life, is telling this amazing story once again through previously unreleased images that will enable us to relive, or to live for the first time, those unforgettable moments.



Piero Trellini was born in Rome in 1970. He worked for "La Stampa", "Il Messaggero", "il manifesto", "Film Tv", Federcalcio, Sky and others. He writes stories on "Il Post". He published *La partita. Il romanzo di Italia Brasile* ("Italy-Brazil. The match", Mondadori, 2019), *Danteide* ("Danteide", Bompiani, 2021) and *L'Affaire. Tutti gli uomini del caso Dreyfus* ("The Affaire. All the men of the Dreyfus Affaire", Bompiani, 2022).



Author: MARIANGELA GALATEA VAGLIO

Title: THE WOLVES OF ROME. MARK ANTHONY AGAINST OCTAVIAN

(I LUPI DI ROMA. ANTONIO CONTRO OTTAVIANO)

First Publisher: Giunti

Publication date: 1st June, 2022

Pages: 320

AFTER THE SUCCESS OF “CAESAR. THE MAN WHO MADE ROME GREAT”, MARIANGELA VAGLIO IS BACK WITH A NEW VOLUME THAT CANNOT BE MISSED: THE FICTIONALIZED BIOGRAPHY OF MARK ANTHONY.

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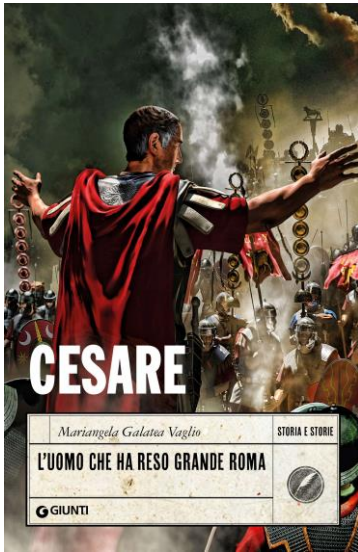
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But there is also a crowd of minor (and not so minor) characters who try to exploit the situation to their own advantage: the conspirators Brutus and Cassius, who are hoping for support from the people that is almost nonexistent, the cunning Decimus Brutus, Caesar’s former lieutenant who betrayed him and now wants Gaul, Octavian’s cousins, blessed with their kinship with Caesar and mentioned in the will, Cicero, as always a candidate to be the *éminence grise*, and Cleopatra, the woman who will push Anthony to gamble everything...

Mariangela Galatea Vaglio has published some non-fiction books among them, *L’italiano è bello. Una passeggiata tra le sue regole e bizzarrie* (Marsilio, 2017) and *Caesar, The Man Who Made Rome Great* (Giunti, 2020 – 3 repirnts in 6 months) and the historical novel *Teodora, the Circus Daughter* (Sonzogno, 2018) about the overwhelming love story between Justinian and Theodora, in the background of one of the most complex and mysterious eras in history. Her latest novel is *Teodora, the demons of power* (Piemme, January 2022), sequel of *Teodora, the Circus daughter*. *The wolves of Rome* is a biographical novel about Mark Anthony (Giunti editore, 2022).



Author: MARIANGELA GALATEA VAGLIO

Title: CAESAR, THE MAN WHO MADE ROME GREAT

(CESARE, L'UOMO CHE HA RESO GRANDE ROMA)

First Publisher: Giunti

Publication date: October 2020

Pages: 380

Rights: Worldwide

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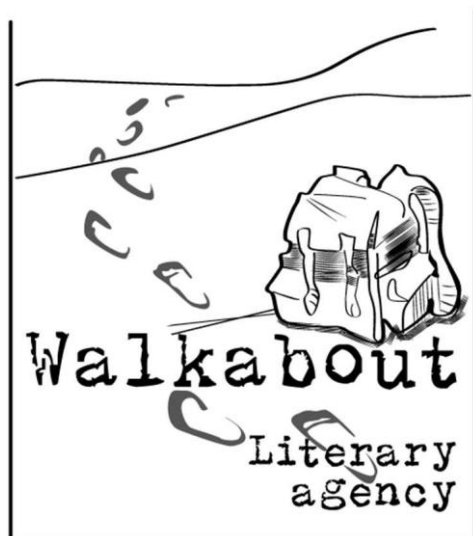
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Ombretta Borgia is Owner and Rights and Contract Manager, she has been Portuguese translator and she has worked for 12 years as a Foreign Rights Manager for Editori Riuniti, before creating the agency.

“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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