

Climb into our treehouse

**COMPLETE
RIGHTS LIST
2020**



INDEX

3 THE GREATEST

4 THE NIGHT OF THE MALOMBRE

5 PARIS NOIR

6 THE EVIL TWENTY

7 GROUP GAMES (ALSO) ONE METRE APART

8 HOOPDRIVER

9 THE WIZARDS ERRANT

10 THE GARDEN OF WISHES

11 ONLY YOU, EVERY DAY

12 ANOMALYA

13 THE BEASTS

14 I AM JAI

15 SILVER MOUNTAIN

16 ZELDA

17 WORDS IN THE WIND

17 THE JUNE REBELS

18 THE MERCURY MYSTERIES

19 THE ANTI-BULLYING LEAGUE

20 MYSELF

21 CHALLENGE THE SKY

22 THE POCKET WATCH GANG

22 RED STARS

23 THE YOU

23 THE LOST FLOWER OF THE SHAMAN OF K

24 THE STONES OF LEVERMOIR

24 THE GREYS

25 THE SKY THIEF

25 THE DESERT FOXES

26 MOUSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND

26 URSULA

27 A HUNDRED STEPS TO FREEDOM

27 THE CHILDREN OF THE FOREST

28 THE BERLIN OFFSIDE

28 A LETTER WITH PIGTAILS

29 GHOST AGENCY

30 THE INTRIGUES

30 AURORA CHEN AND THE KILLER SLIPPER CREW

31 A CRAZY STORY

31 BEFORE YOU START SECONDARY SCHOOL

32 THE GIGGLE GANG

32 THE FETID FOUR

33 BIG TROUBLE AT CINECITTÀ WORLD

33 THE PHENOMENAL PT. HELIODORE

34 SAVE THE WORLD

35 THE ORDER OF THE GARLAND

35 THE MYSTERY OF GORSE MANOR

36 BLANCHE

37 THE GAME

37 THE COUNTER WORLD

38 BEWARE OF WOLVES

38 THE MOST WONDERFUL STORY EVER WRITTEN

39 THE CORSAIRS

40 SPOILER

41 PIZZOLOGY

42 THE ATLAS OF IMAGINARY PLACES

43 I AM A LEAF

44 THE TIGER

45 PIAZZA 25 APRILE

46 THE NIGHT OF THE WHALE

47 AND THEN IT WAS TIME

48 HOMES AROUND THE WORLD

49 THE DAY OF THE WHALES

50 LITTLE EINSTEIN

51 BENTY BRIGHT'S JIG

52 I'M THE KING

53 OH OH ANTS

THE GREATEST

DAVIDE MOROSINOTTO

Canton, 1770. Shi Yu is an orphan who never knew her parents. At six years old, she works for quick-tempered innkeeper Bai Bai, who spares her no insult or whipping.

At the inn, Yu meets Li Wei, a boy who is already a martial arts expert. Yu persuades him to teach her to fight, and her talent is immediately obvious. This skill will save her life a few years later when she is kidnapped by the dreaded Golden Dragon's pirates: instead of killing her, Golden Dragon enrolls her in the crew.

This is the beginning of her ascent in the piracy world. After many raids in the Pearl River, Macau and Hong Kong, nineteen-year-old Yu becomes the commander of an entire fleet which will soon number more than a hundred ships. Her very name terrorises the China Sea, and she seems to be an unstoppable force... But Yu's fame has unwittingly made her an enemy as powerful as he is mysterious, who will stop at nothing to destroy Air and Water wushu: the legendary martial arts style of which she has become the latest master...

- * A breathtaking adventure and an extraordinary coming-of-age story inspired by the true story of Ching Shih, commander of the largest pirate fleet of all time.
- * Chinese wuxia literary tradition meets western romance and adventure on the sea.
- * Amazing cover illustrations by Europe's most famous illustrator.

 **FIRST PUBLISHER: RIZZOLI (ITALY), NOVEMBER 2020**
RIGHTS SOLD IN: GERMANY (THIENEMANN)



Davide Morosinotto is a journalist and an author of works translated into 23 languages, and he won the 2017 Superpremio Andersen with *Il Rinomato Catalogo Walker & Dawn*. He has earned numerous international awards: he was a finalist for the prestigious Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis in Germany, and winner of the Prix des Bouquineurs en Seine in France, the Vlag en Wimpel in the Netherlands, and the Flanders KJV. In order to write this book, he was about to leave for China, perhaps on a pirate ship... But then the whole world was struck by an unexpected event, and travelling was banned... except with the imagination.

Cover by Rébecca Dautremer

ADVENTURE
10+



THIS IS A PIRATE STORY UNLIKE ANY OTHER. WHY? BECAUSE THE PROTAGONIST IS A GIRL WHO WILL BECOME A MARTIAL ARTS MASTER, THE QUEEN OF THE CHINA SEA, THE GREATEST PIRATE WHO EVER LIVED.

THE NIGHT OF THE MALOMBRE

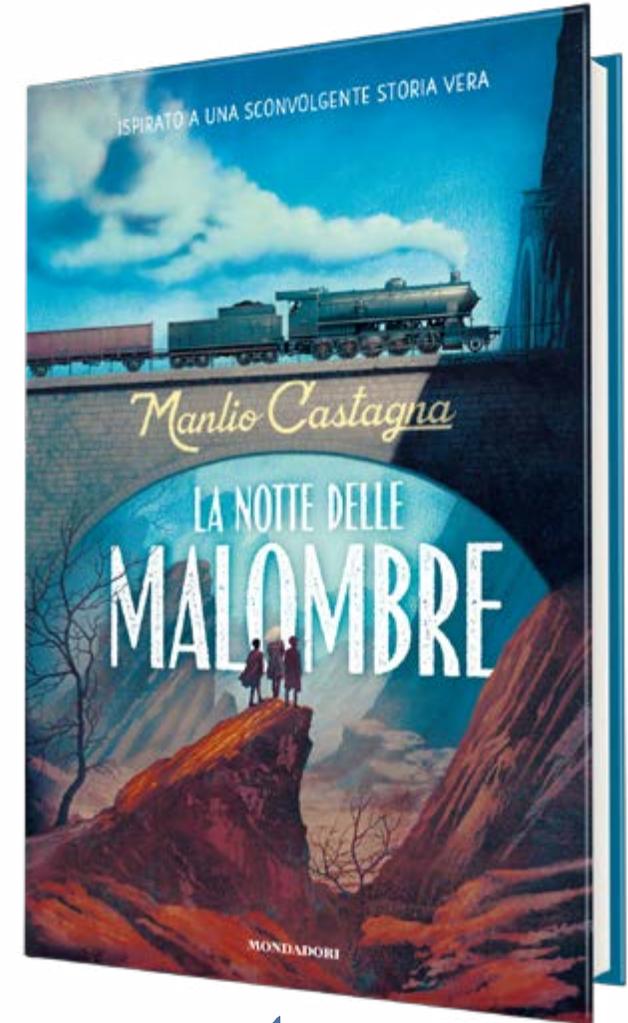
MANLIO CASTAGNA

In the freezing night of 3rd March 1944, the train travelling from Naples to Potenza was found at a stop in a tunnel near Balvano. Hundreds of bodies lay inside and all around it. Of course, massacres are not uncommon in wartime, but these corpses had no wounds. To unravel the mystery of goods train 8017 we must go back in time, elbow our way up onto the long convoy and look the clandestine passengers in the face. Like Rocco the rogue, looking for loot in the crowd. Or Brando, forced to look after his family too young. When his pure determined gaze meets that of Nora, the daughter of Dr Moscati (who is on the train to find his lost son) their souls make an indissoluble connection. But something is tormenting the girl: she has seen the imminent danger in the form of *malombre*, dark presences that are harbingers of death according to popular belief. But who will believe her?

- * The legends and the truth about Italy's most serious railway disaster, long-forgotten over the years, in a sweeping and powerful story.
- * The style is also suited to adult readers, appealing to parents and teachers.

 FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI (ITALY), OCTOBER 2020

ITALY HAD ITS OWN "TITANIC" ...
ADVENTURE, LOVE AND DEATH ON A TRAIN
INSPIRED BY A DEVASTATING TRUE STORY



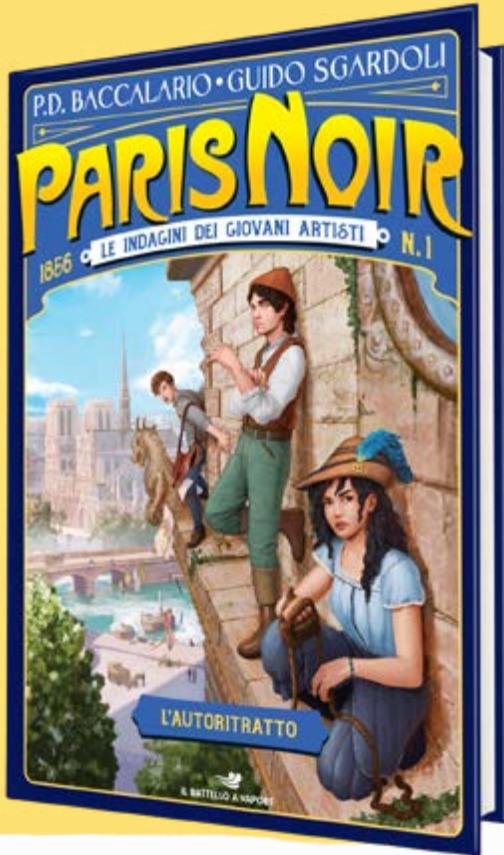
MYSTERY
12+

Manlio Manlio has a long career in children's film festivals, as deputy director of Giffoni, and his debut saga for Mondadori (the fantasy trilogy: *Petrademone*) is a bestseller translated into various languages whose cinematographic rights have been acquired to develop a TV series. He has worked as creative consultant for Doha Film Institute, the most important film producer in the Middle East. He co-authored *Le belve* (Piemme, May 2020) with Guido Sgardoli.



PARIS NOIR

GUIDO SGARDOLI – PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO



ADVENTURE
10+

Paris, 1856. Rebellious troublemaker **Claude (Monet)**, **Pierre (Renoir)**, who doesn't have two pennies to rub together, and **Berthe (Morisot)**, an aspiring female painter in a world of male artists, are hungry for life and still trying to find their style when they first meet outside the studio of *maestro* Maurice Arnaud. But on the other side of the door, the teacher is lying on the floor among his paintbrushes, dead in mysterious circumstances, while working on his last painting, a self-portrait.

From that moment on the three youngsters, who will grow up to become the great Impressionists, find themselves caught up in the most incredible adventure ever, which will mark the beginning of an unbreakable friendship.

- * A series of cases linked to the world of art, Bohemian artists, and what the three of them (and other friends like Cézanne, Manet - who Berthe will marry - Gauguin, Toulouse-Lautrec) will become: impressionist painters.
- * In each book, one of their paintings echoes or is particularly linked to the adventure told in the story.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), OCTOBER 2020
SERIES: 3 TITLES

WHEN ART BECOMES A MYSTERY. THREE YOUNG PAINTERS
TURN THEIR HANDS TO SOLVING CRIMES AND MURDERS.



Pierdomenico and **Guido** are two leading children's authors and have written many successful bestsellers. The finalist and the winner of the 2019 Strega Prize, this time join forces in another incredible children adventure.

CARTE
DE PARIS

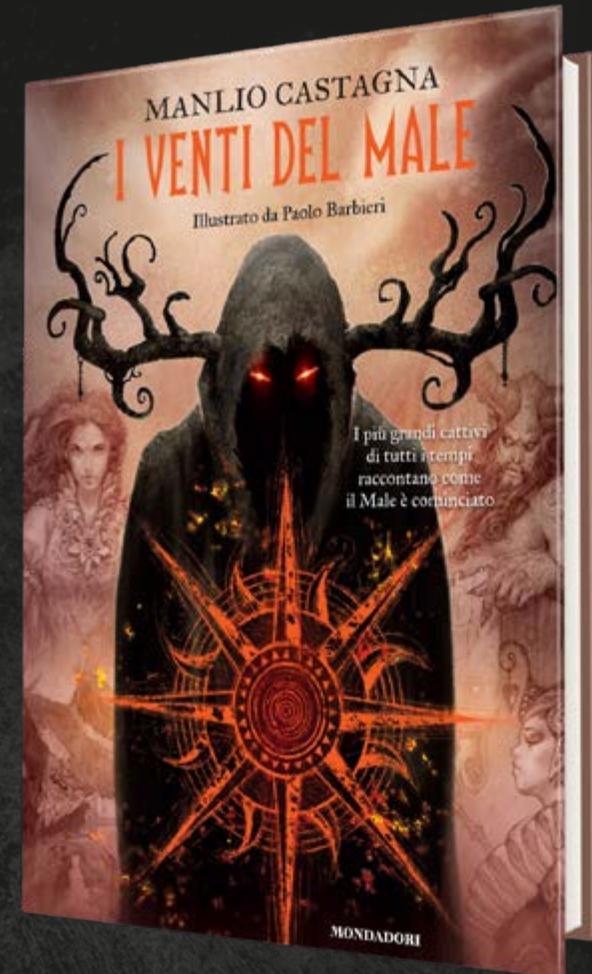
THE EVIL TWENTY

MANLIO CASTAGNA

Twenty original stories in one book that promises to recreate the exact moment when twenty great villains from literature like Dracula, the Bogeyman, Mr Hyde, Captain Hook, Cthulhu, the Wicked Witch of the West, Snow White's stepmother, and the demon Lilith, felt the flower of evil bloom inside, transforming them into the most disturbing dark figures of all time.

- * The greatest villains of all time describe how the evil began.
- * A complete overview of imaginary evil to save us from the evil in the real world.
- * Multifaceted characters to help us better understand both them and, perhaps, ourselves.
- * Beautiful illustrations by Paolo Barbieri, considered one of the greatest Italian fantasy illustrators. He has illustrated the covers of authors like Wilbur Smith, Michael Crichton, Ursula K. Le Guin, Cornelia Funke, Umberto Eco, Herbie Brennan and Licia Troisi.

 FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADAORI (ITALY), OCTOBER 2020



MYSTERY
10+

**WHAT WOULD THE STORIES
WE LOVE BE WITHOUT THE VILLAINS?**

GROUP GAMES (ALSO) ONE METRE APART

P. BACCALARIO, M. CATTANEO, F. TADDIA

From hide and seek to soccer, capture the flag, basketball, blind man's buff and frisbee, 30 ideas for playing indoors or outside, in smaller or larger groups and smaller or larger spaces, while avoiding large gatherings and keeping a safe distance.

So let's get out there and play!

* Old games with new rules. Classic sports with original variations. Indoor games to play with friends, one metre apart and without moving one centimetre. With a pinch of humour and ingenuity.

 FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI (ITALY), SEPTEMBER 2020

ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

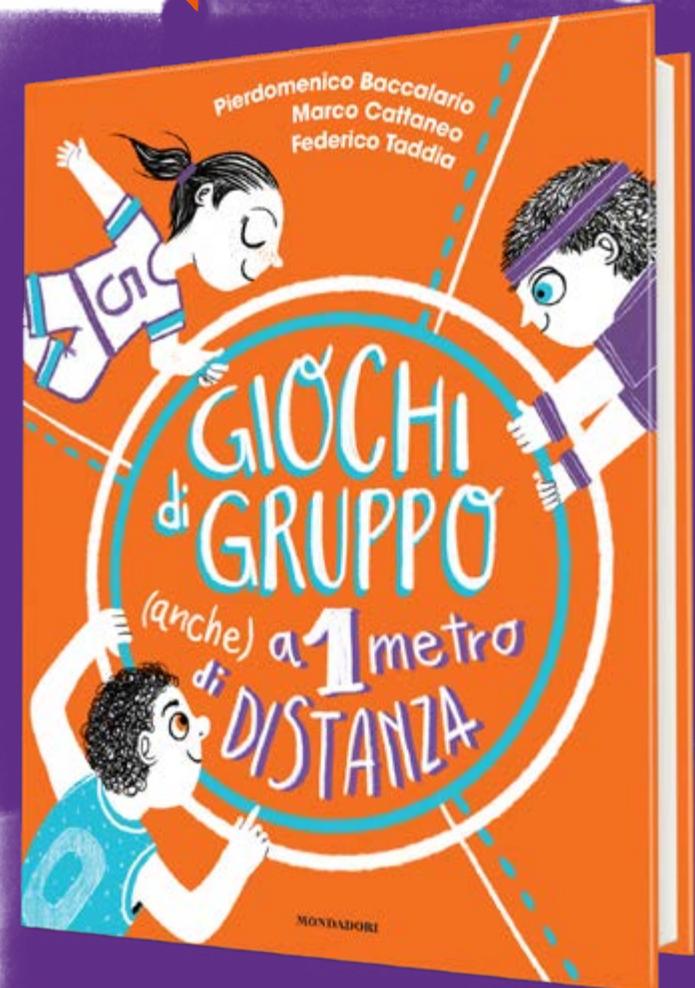
Pierdomenico Baccalario: writer and author of adventure novels for Children. Gold medallist in wordplay, sitting-down games, and games no-one wants to play.

Marco Cattaneo: journalist, sportsman and children's author. There's no sport in the world he hasn't tried, talked about or watched. Strictly from the sidelines.

Federico Taddia: journalist and presenter. As a passionate games fan, his dream is to take part in – and win – the World Hide and Seek Championship.



ADVENTURE
6+



CAN YOU PLAY WITHOUT TOUCHING EACH OTHER?
HOW CAN YOU HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS STAYING ONE
METRE APART? EASY! JUST PLAY WITH NEW RULES!

HOOPDRIVER

PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO

COMING OF AGE
ADVENTURE 12+



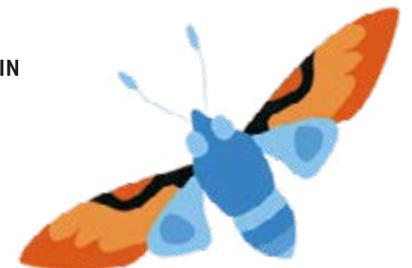
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, BILLY?
I'M GOING SOUTH.
AND WHY, BILLY-WHO'S-GOING-SOUTH?
BECAUSE I MADE A PROMISE.

When he finds out from the BBC that Prime Minister Boris Johnson is also ill, Billy Hoopdriver decides to run away from his working-class home in Liverpool without telling his father. He travels the 350 miles separating him from the little seaside town of Kewstoke on Azzurra (the mountain bike he has painstakingly assembled piece by piece) with the sole aim of reaching his grandfather's care home as soon as possible, because he made a promise: if anything happens, kid, come straight here, ok?

Hoopdriver is the story of

- * Billy's journey on his bicycle, the route he chooses along the country paths of England and Wales.
- * The historic and beautiful locations he sees.
- * The people he meets along the way: Jo, the Deliveroo guy who dreams of studying engineering, whom he entrusts with taking food to his father while he's away; the two unnamed elderly people he finds dead from Covid, in the rose house where he frees Shackleton, their dog, who will follow him for the rest of his journey; Mr Richmal, who looks after him and repairs Azzurra after a nasty fall, and helps him discover the world of nocturnal moths...
- * But above all, it's the story of his thoughts, memories of his grandfather's stories, all linked to music personalities of the Seventies, whom he claims to have met and know well.

 **FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI (ITALY), FEBRUARY 2021 ON WATTPADD IN APRIL / JUNE 2020**
COVER: PROVISIONAL



THE WIZARDS ERRANT

PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO

Magic exists, hidden away in the world we know, and the people who practice it live amongst us, people you would least expect. Every four years, the eighteen schools of witchcraft and wizardry compete against each other in a tournament to select the King of the World. But outside of that are the Wizards Errant, the unschooled, the street witches and wizards, those with no teachers, only intuition and talent. They are greatly feared by the other witches and wizards because of an ancient prophecy... This is their story.

- * Magic as it has never been told before. The greatest mysteries and the strongest talents are on the streets.
- * Unsuspecting aspiring wizards accompany the reader on a unique journey to discover what makes each of us special.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME 2019-2020
SERIES: 3 TITLES PUBLISHED



**MAGIC EXISTS. IT'S HIGHLY SECRET
YET IT'S RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES.
WE JUST HAVE TO BE BRAVE
ENOUGH TO SEE IT**



**ADVENTURE
10+**



THE GARDEN OF WISHES

AZZURRA D'AGOSTINO

Nobody knows. But falling stars are actually seeds. Once they reach the Earth, those little black stones we call meteorites, can be gathered, planted and cultivated. It's hard, but with the right amount of care they will sprout. And their luminous, magical aura makes people's dreams come true: it is the flower of wishes. Among the forests of the Apennines there was a star-gardener who had learned how to take care of these delicate, sparkling plants; but after he died, the secret was lost. For a long time, the plants he had cultivated did not flower, and the wishes continued to sleep. But then Davide and Margherita came, and discovered that managing people's dreams is more difficult than you might think. But also much, much more adventurous...

- * A star gardener never plants his own wishes. Selfishness and bad wishes compromise all the seeds.
- * A hymn to the power of wishes, able to change the whole universe.
- * A free, powerful adventure, where there is only one rule: never be selfish.

 FIRST PUBLISHER: DE AGOSTINI (ITALY) , OCTOBER 2020

YOUR WISHES CAN CHANGE THE UNIVERSE



FANTASY
10+

Azzurra has published various poetry collections, earning her countless prizes and awards, including the Carducci Prize in 2014. Since 2005 she has written for theatre and worked on writing and poetry workshops for adults and children. *The Garden of Wishes* is her fantastic and poetic debut in children's literature.



ONLY YOU, EVERY DAY

DANIELE NICASTRO / ELISA MODUGNO

Have you ever felt like you're doing the same things over and over?
Alarm, school, home, homework, family, friends.
The same thing every day.
What if you're trapped in a time loop?

And the only way to break it is to find your soul mate?

- * The universe of teenage feelings described in the first person by the main characters; the uncertainties, desires, mistakes and leaps in the dark relating to learning how to love.
- * *A Groundhog Day* with modern and unexpected twists, but the same level of humour and personal growth.
- * Two separate stories that intertwine and become one.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI RAGAZZI (ITALY) 2020

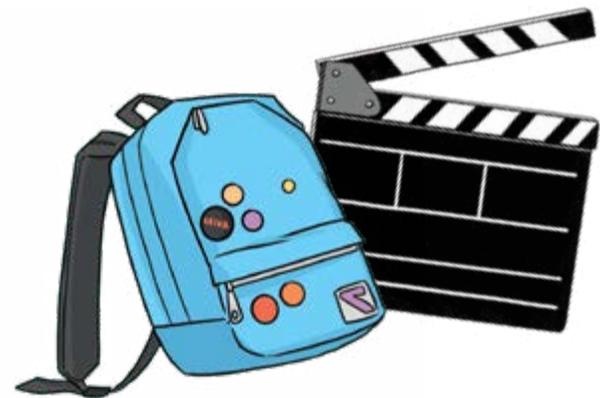
TWO TEENS. AN ETERNAL BLOSSOMING LOVE.
AN ETERNALLY REPEATING DAY.

ROMANTIC
TEEN FICTION
12+



Daniele writes everything from novels to postcards, messages in bottles, and phrases on walls. He started telling stories as a child, to his mother, every time he came home late without warning her. Over time he made a profession out of it. He has published several novels with all the leading Italian publishers.

Elisa Modugno The pseudonym of a children's writer who has published with leading Italian publishers over the years. She has often changed her identity but one thing about her never changes: her love for the stories she reads and writes.



ANOMALYA

GUIDO SGARDOLI

How many mistakes, how many wrong choices would we like to delete?
How many words, how many silly things do we wish we hadn't said?
What if we could go back in time?
What if we could change the past and finally take control of our future?

Paris 2070: Jacques and Claire meet for the first time after many years. Jacques, a taxi-driver disillusioned with life, is working on his sixty-fourth birthday. He has no family or friends. Claire is a famous scientist, but although she has achieved success and some fame, her career has made it impossible for her to have a family and develop her other interests, like music. They spent their summers together as teenagers but there are many regrets and their lives have not turned out as they had imagined. As they talk, Claire lets something slip. In a certain place, kept under close surveillance by the army, there is a hidden wormhole, an anomaly that makes it possible to go back in time. First Jacques, and then Claire, will cross the threshold and find themselves fifty years in the past, facing those unresolved issues, those changes in direction that determined the course of their lives. Will they manage to change the past, and therefore the future? Will they manage to "save" themselves?

- * Adventure, science fiction, time travel and alternative realities in a profound and exciting coming-of-age story.
- * A book about the ability to choose, free will, second chances.

 FIRST PUBLISHER: GIUNTI (ITALY) , OCTOBER 2020

THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS



SCI-FI
13+

THE BEASTS

MANLIO CASTAGNA / GUIDO SGARDOLI

HORROR
12+

This is the story...

... of Lynx, Buzzard and Toad, three amateur criminals fleeing from a robbery gone wrong.

... of a class of high school students taken hostage during a trip to an abandoned former hospital.

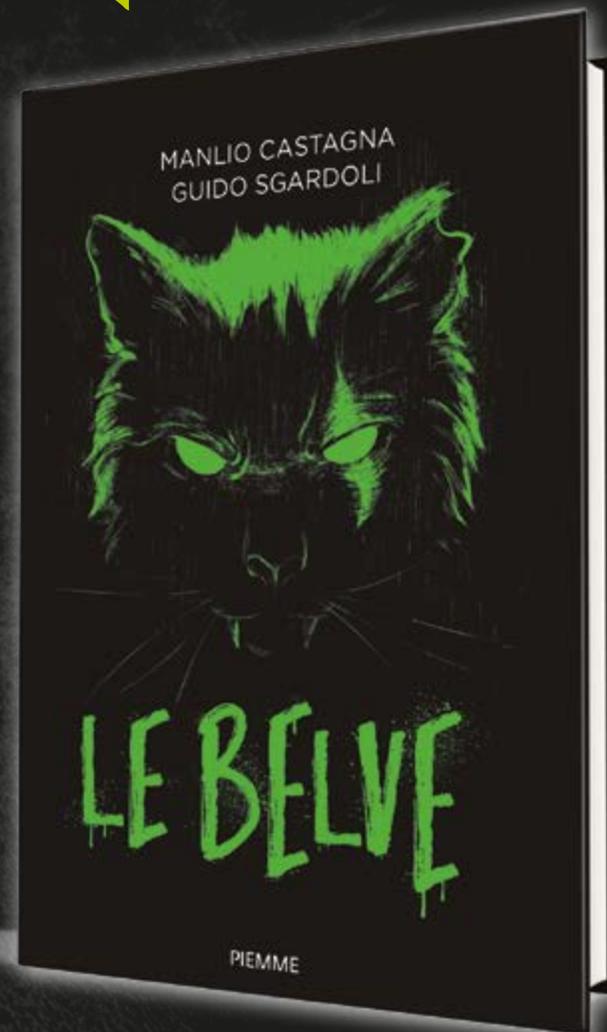
... of the former Boeri sanatorium, which hides layers of cursed stories, buried in its crumbling walls and dark bowels.

... of a girl with an extrasensory power that allows her to perceive Evil.

... of animals and humans transformed into beasts by ghosts of the mind and the ferocity of their torturers.

- * A provincial town, suspended in a foggy, silent land, and hidden secrets that teem beneath a seemingly peaceful surface.
- * A tense and fast-paced horror-thriller for young people, following in the footsteps of Stephen King, with echoes of the new frontiers of serial horror: Hill House, Marianne; and classic chiller brand cinema: The Shining, The Orphanage and The Others..

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), 2020
TV RIGHTS OPTIONED



“THERE ARE PLACES THAT BECOME EVIL BECAUSE EVIL PEOPLE HAVE LIVED THERE ...”

THREE BANDITS WITHOUT A PLAN, TWENTY-ONE HOSTAGES WITH NO ESCAPE,
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF PURE HORROR

I AM JAI

CHRISTIAN HILL

Lucia and her two friends are young YouTubers with a passion for videogames. Inside a game called Hoardalya they meet a mysterious boy called Jai who shares their passion. Through him they learn that their favourite YouTuber, RF, has been killed. Jai persuades them to join in a new investigative game and look into RF's disappearance.

But the mystery spills over from the virtual world into real life: searching for definitive answers the three youngsters organise an expedition to the home of the programmer responsible for Hoardalya and Real Mysteries. And find real trouble.

- * The book hovers between reality and virtual universes, between online role-playing games and social media, YouTube, and the real world, destroying the boundaries separating one from the other, taking place in an environment where they all exist, with equal dignity and importance.
- * I am Jai is a thriller which lays the groundwork for reflection on topics that could, in just a few years – if not already – shake the foundations of our view of life and consciousness.

 FIRST PUBLISHER: RIZZOLI (ITALY) , OCTOBER 2020

ON THE BORDER BETWEEN THE REAL AND VIRTUAL WORLDS,
WHERE FRIENDSHIP IS JUST ONE OF THE MYSTERIES TO BE SOLVED

THRILLER
12+



Christian studied aeronautical engineering, but during his life he has worked in role-playing games, journalism, IT, and photography. Through Rizzoli he published *Il ladro dei cieli*, winner of the 2020 Cento Prize for Children's Literature. He works in a little studio bursting with items and images that are completely useless in real life, but very useful for sparking the imagination. He divides his time between the desk, where he has to deal with a very noisy keyboard, and a comfortable armchair where he thinks up new stories (trying not to snore).

SILVER MOUNTAIN

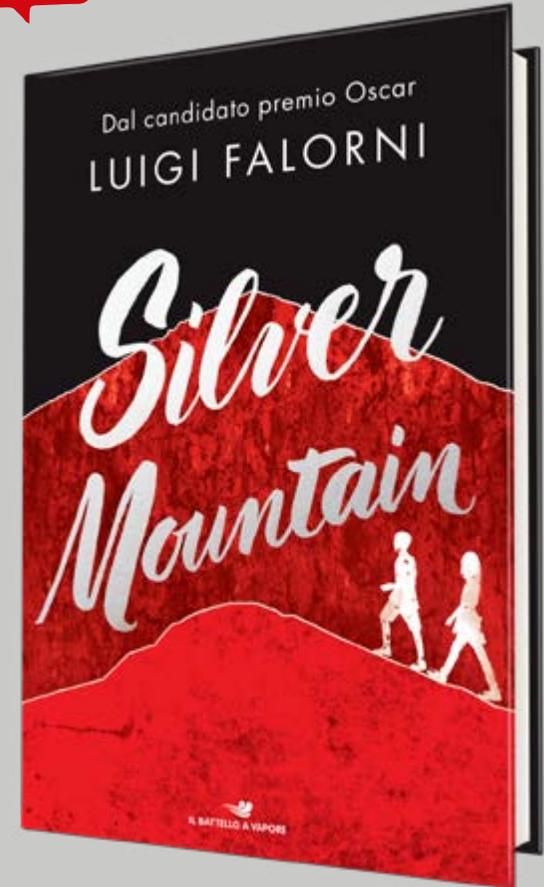
LUIGI FALORNI

Carla, thirteen, has just lost her mother when her father, a mining engineer, takes her with him to the Bolivian Andes. With its red quinoa fields and the dusty homes of the miners, Potosí could not be more different from New York. And it doesn't help that she ends up sitting next to silent Juan, who draws dragons, and smells of sulphur and poverty. But she is intrigued by the legends of Cerro Rico, the mountain with its veins of silver, where a god is said to imprison the souls of the dead. And Silver Mountain will bring the two youngsters together in a desperate and dangerous adventure, where the boundary between life and death is very narrow indeed.

- * From Oscar nominee Luigi Falorni.
- * Mystery, suspense and a strong friendship between two youngsters ready to do anything to make their wishes come true, including making a pact with the dreaded El Tío: a mythological figure with the appearance of a demon, who offers protection to the miners in exchange for their souls, which he imprisons in the mountains.
- * TV rights sold, in production.

 FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), SEPTEMBER 2020

MYSTERY
10+



EVERY TIME SHE REMEMBERED SHE HAD TO GO INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH,
SHE FELT A THREAD OF ANXIETY TIGHTENING IN HER STOMACH.
BUT SHE WAS DETERMINED TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE QUESTION OF SOULS.

 Luigi, Born in Florence, studied at the Munich film school and graduated with the documentary *La storia del cammello che piange*, later nominated for an Oscar. *Silver Mountain* is his first novel.

ZELDA

THE SECRET OF THE RED ROBIN

ELISA PURICELLI GUERRA

1911, Belle Époque. The new century offers wonderful opportunities. Too bad that Zelda – twelve years old, restless, and intolerant of politeness – is confined in a sort of prison! Her house is a damp, gloomy fortress, perched like a raven on top of a Tuscan hill. And then there's her ball and chain – her family...

She is almost resigned to suffering the Anonymous Fate of Minors and ending up in the horrible Forgotten Place, where drab little girls without courage disappear, when she finds a secret diary in the library...

There's nothing for it but to take on the role of detective and embark on an amazing adventure!

- * Atmospheric and introspective with unforgettable, finely drawn characters.
- * Discoveries, emotions and dreams, that all readers on the brink of adolescence can relate to.
- * A perfect blend of action and mystery in a fresh and immediate style, with the history of Italy in the background.

 FIRST PUBLISHER: SALANI (ITALY), 2020

A BRAVE GIRL LOOKS FOR ADVENTURE
IN A DOWNTON ABBEY-STYLE MYSTERY

Elisa was born in Milan and spent several years in London, which she considers as her literary homeland. She studied Medieval History, but just when she was sure she wanted to become a librarian, she discovered children's literature in 1998 and has never looked back. An insatiable reader with a huge passion for theatre, she has worked for years as an editor, translator and writer. She has published several novels featuring brilliant red-haired girls in whom we can all find something of ourselves, however little.



ADVENTURE
10+



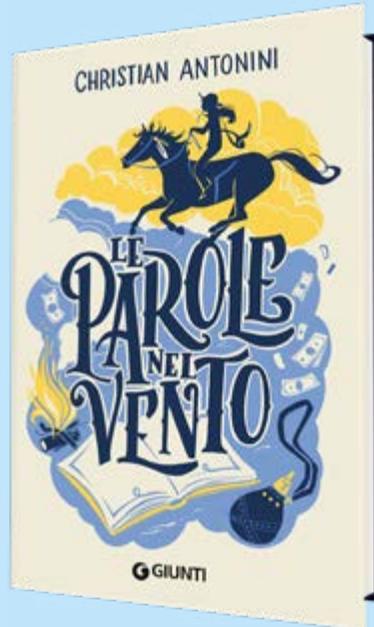
WORDS IN THE WIND

CHRISTIAN ANTONINI

Kentucky, 1935. Lucy May is almost fifteen. She loves to read and ride free with her mare, Moon Breeze. When their future appears to be under threat, they run away. Spurred on by chance encounters with Peter and three mysterious girls on horseback, she gallops away, long hair blowing in the wind, to protect herself and her future. Her love of reading and the “power of words” will be her salvation.

- * Action, adventure and the courage to be yourself.
- * A unique friendship between a girl and her mare and the overwhelming strength it brings her.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: GIUNTI (ITALY), 2020



COMING OF
AGE STORY
12+

THE JUNE REBELS

CHRISTIAN ANTONINI

Bordeaux, June 1940.

Between running across rooftops and making deals doing favours, rebellious teenager Marian befriends the Portuguese consul Aristides Sousa Mendez. One day, Marian meets Arielle, a Jewish girl who needs to get to the Portuguese consulate to apply for a visa to leave France. Nothing will ever be the same again, with Marian risking his life to do the right thing.

- * An adventure, action novel based on true story of Aristides Sousa Mendes, Righteous Among the Nations, who saved the lives of 30,000 people.
- * Finalist for Gigante delle Langhe Children's Prize 2020.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: GIUNTI (ITALY), 2019



COMING OF
AGE STORY
10+

WORDS ARE YOUR LIFE'S MAGIC TOOLS...
THEY BUILD AND DESTROY, SHAPE AND DESIGN

THE FASCINATION OF HIDING DOESN'T AMOUNT TO MUCH COMPARED
TO THE MYSTERY OF COURAGE, ESPECIALLY COURAGE
ON BEHALF OF OTHERS. *Shlomo Breznit, Memory Fields*

Christian is an author, journalist, translator and videogame creator. He lives in the Valassina mountains with his family, five cats, a dog and the characters of his novels. In 2016, he published *The Berlin Offside*, which was a finalist for the *Bancarellino Children's Prize* and won *Il Gigante delle Langhe* in 2017. In 2018, the rights of the same book were optioned for a TV series.



THE MERCURY MYSTERIES

PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO, DANIELE NICASTRO, MANLIO CASTAGNA, GIADA PAVESI AND DAVIDE MOROSINOTTO



MYSTERY
10+

Before she even knows what it entails, Nina accepts the challenge made by an old man with strange features who lives in a tower. Along with her schoolmates Lorenzo and Jamal, she will therefore be catapulted from modern Florence to the Florence of the great masters of Italian Renaissance art. Amid intrigue, envy and plot twists, they will live alongside the greatest painters and sculptors, and have to solve obscure mysteries before they can return home.

- * Each book is dedicated to a different artist: Giorgione, Michelangelo, Leonardo, Artemisia Gentileschi and Giotto.
- * A fun, well-organised series, with plenty of humour as well as detailed historical reconstruction. The descriptions of the artists' characters and the environment they lived in draw from historical sources and are woven naturally into the plot.

 **FIRST PUBLISHER: EMONS (ITALIA), OCTOBER 2020**
SERIES OF 5 TITLES, 2 PUBLISHED

**EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEYS
IN THE SECRETS OF ART**



THE ANTI-BULLYING LEAGUE

IGOR DE AMICIS / PAOLA LUCIANI

Do they scribble on your books with indelible ink? Steal your sandwiches at lunch time?

Never fear: racing to the rescue with cunning, courage and a few resounding slaps, it's the A.B.L.: THE ANTI-BULLYING LEAGUE. Bullies around the world, beware: better be on your way... right now!

- * Fun and adventurous stories that deal with bullying in a light-hearted, easy-going style.
- * The group and their friendship provide the strength to face misfortune with courage.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: EDIZIONI LAPIS (ITALY), 2020
SERIES 4 TITLES: THE MASKED FIGHTER - DOROTHY SUPERFASHION - THE FINAL CHALLENGE - THE INVINCIBLE THANOS



THE MOST INTREPID SECRET SOCIETY SET TO FIGHT
(AND BEAT!) THE PLANET'S BULLIES

Igor is a Chief Commissioner of the Penitentiary Police, while Paola is a support teacher in primary schools. Partners both in life and in writing, and screenwriters of animated cartoons, their books have been published in several countries.



MYSELF

GIADA PAVESI

Thirteen-year-old Michele has an app on which he can read his classmates' secrets.

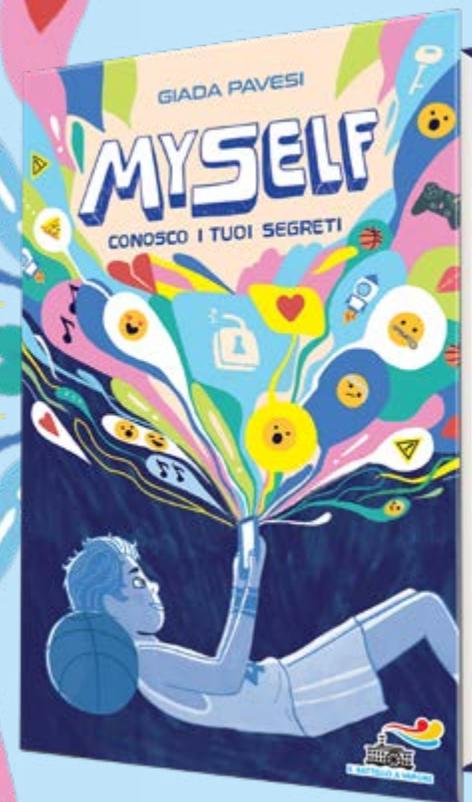
It's called "MySelf", a social network where you can share your thoughts and fears without worrying about being judged, because users' identities are protected and no-one knows who they are. No-one except Michele...

- * A story about teenagers that goes directly to the young reader's heart by speaking their own language.
- * The theme of social media and their ability to condition behaviour: "MICHELE HAD ALL THOSE SECRETS IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND".
- * A 13 Reasons Why with unexpected twists.

 **FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), 2020**
RIGHTS SOLD IN: KOREA (PRUNSOOP PUBLISHING)



I KNOW
YOUR SECRETS



SPORT
COMING OF
AGE 11+

Giada grew up in the Cremona countryside, before moving to Milan to study foreign languages and literature. She won the second edition of *Do You Have a Story?*, where she met Gisella Laterza, her partner in Rhyme. By day she manages Book on a Tree's social media pages, while by night she writes with her cat, Nike. Pale. Allergic to garlic. Some people already have their suspicions...



CHALLENGE THE SKY

MARCO CATTANEO



SPORT
10+

24 MATCHES THAT MADE HISTORY

That's what football and history are like: they intertwine, overlap, interchange.

And while many matches have gone down in history, many chapters of history have been written with the ink of the football in a hundred-metre field, by twenty-two players; despite wars, revolutions, dark periods and great changes.

- * In a blend of reality and a pinch of imagination, Marco Cattaneo tells children the history of football and Europe from 1872 to the present, through twenty-four unforgettable matches.
- * There's the passion of Edoardo Bosio, who returned from England in 1877 in love with football and determined to create the first Italian team, in Turin. And then there's the genius of Frederick Pentland, the Englishman living in Spain who revolutionised the playing method in the late twenties, experimenting with "tiqui taca". The courage and pride of Austrian Matthias Sindelar and the Ukrainian players of Start FC who, during the Nazi Occupation, dared to challenge Hitler's men, paying with their lives. There are the re-matches and results of the fight against racial prejudice, obtained by the multiethnic French national team who won the World Cup in 1998, and by Nelson Mandela, the first to take the World Championship to Africa.
- * Events, famous personalities and ordinary people, powerful emotions; more than a century of football and European history..

 **FIRST PUBLISHER: RIZZOLI (ITALY), 2020**

MARCO CATTANEO is a journalist and Sky Sport presenter, as well as an author of children's books. With Rizzoli he has published the free ebook *La nostra partita*, telling children about the fight against Coronavirus through the metaphor of football and, with Pierdomenico Baccalario and Federico Taddia: *Giochi di gruppo (anche) a 1 metro di distanza*, a book that explains how to play safely in the Covid era.



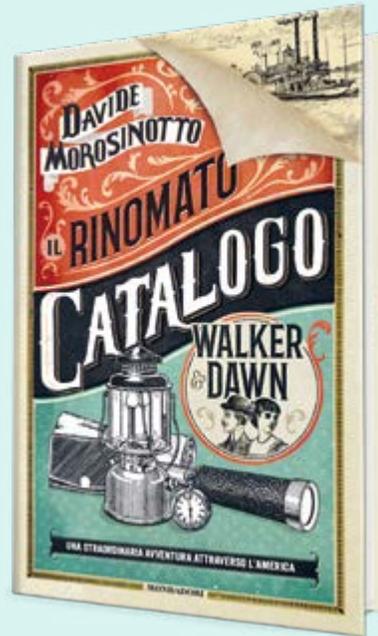
THE POCKET WATCH GANG

DAVIDE MOROSINOTTO

Four friends, who couldn't be more different, have two things in common: three dollars and a burning desire to see the world.

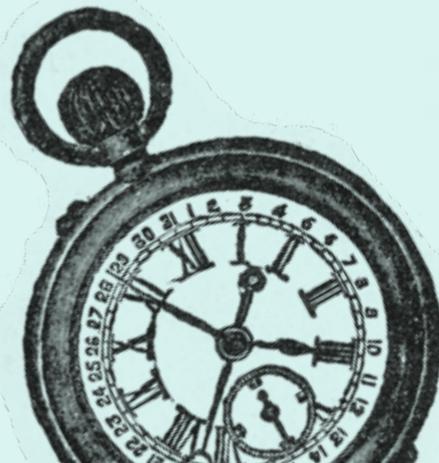
- * "A tale of adventure, travel and escape."
- * "A coming-of-age story that rattles through a highly entertaining series of misunderstandings and mysteries which are cleverly unravelled in a talented piece of storytelling."
- * Winner of Italian Andersen Prize 2017. Finalist at Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis in Germany in 2018. Winner of Prix des Bouquineurs en Seine in France and the Vlag and Wimpelin the Netherlands in 2019.

📖 **FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI (ITALY), 2016**
RIGHTS SOLD IN: GERMANY (THIENEMANN), SPAIN (PLANETA), FRANCE (L'ECOLE DES LOISIRS), DENMARK (JENSEN&DALGAARD), POLAND (DWIE SIOSTRY), RUSSIA (SAMOKAT), NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM (BAECKENS BOOKS), CZECH REPUBLIC (DOBROVSKY), GALICIA (RINOCERONTE EDICIONES), JAPAN (IWASAKI SHOTEN), CATALONIA (VIENA EDICIONS)



ADVENTURE
12+

A DARING ADVENTURE CAN
CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER



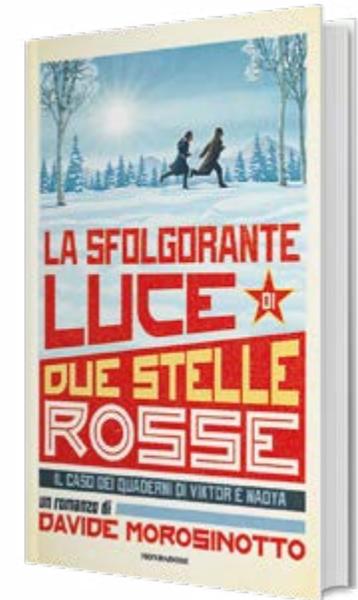
RED STARS

DAVIDE MOROSINOTTO

"Whatever happens, stay together," their parents tell them. But Nadia is assigned to train number 76, while Viktor must leave on train number 77.

- * An epic adventure of separated twins trying to find each other, set in an accurate historical reconstruction of the Leningrad blockade.
- * The dramatic storytelling creates a sense of immediacy that brings the narrative alive. The emotions jump out at the reader from the pages of the protagonists' diary.
- * Winner of In Other Word BookTrust's Book in Translation Award in London. Shortlisted at Korney Chukovsky Award in Russia.

📖 **FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI (ITALY), 2017**
RIGHTS SOLD IN: GERMANY (THIENEMANN), FRANCE (L'ECOLE DES LOISIRS), UK (PUSHKIN), USA (PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE), RUSSIA (PESHKOMBOOKS), NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM (BAECKENS BOOKS)



ADVENTURE
10+

WHATEVER HAPPENS,
STAY TOGETHER



THE YOU

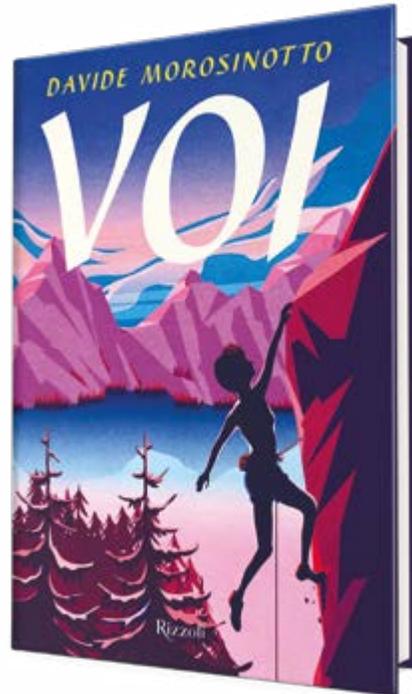
DAVIDE MOROSINOTTO

This is the story of a girl called Blu and her four friends: Abel, Tilly, Cameron and Luka.

Abel has always been Blu's best friend; Tilly lives in another city but is constantly video calling her; Cameron is American and has just arrived in town; and Luka doesn't remember how he got there, but has superhuman strength and is invisible.

- * A tale of courage, adventure and friendship that thwarts challenges and overcomes the fear of the other.
- * Elements of adventure, fantasy and coming-of-age writing with echoes of the big screen.
- * Shortlisted for The Strega Children's Prize.

 **FIRST PUBLISHER: RIZZOLI (ITALY), 2019**
RIGHTS SOLD IN: FRANCE (L'ECOLE DES LOISIRS)



ADVENTURE
10+

**THE STORY OF HOW BLU MET LUKA
AND WHAT HAPPENED NEXT**

THE LOST FLOWER OF THE SHAMAN OF K

AN EPIC JOURNEY FROM THE ANDES TO THE AMAZON

DAVIDE MOROSINOTTO

**“SHE TOOK HIM INTO THE WORLD
AND HE KEPT HER SAFE IN IT”**

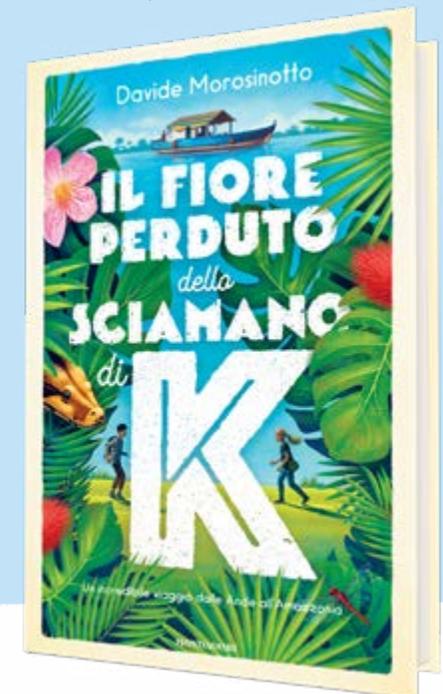
Peru, 1986. In a Lima hospital, two children find an old diary and are fascinated by the drawing of a mysterious flower.

An unexpected friendship and a journey of a thousand dangers are just about to begin!

- * The discovery of life through the eyes of two twelve-year-olds who face a savage world hand in hand.
- * An original and fresh style that makes the readers the protagonists through voices, colours and sounds.

 **FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI (ITALY), 2019**
**RIGHTS SOLD IN: GERMANY (THIENEMANN),
NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM (BAECKENS
BOOKS), FRANCE (L'ECOLE DES LOISIRS)**

ADVENTURE
10+



THE STONES OF LEVERMOIR

GUIDO SGARDOLI

**STREGA
CHILDREN'S PRIZE
2019
WINNER**

A circle of stones with dark powers, a wind-battered island and a boy looking for answers. A high-octane escalation of events and a compelling tale that will grab the reader from the first page. A must for Stephen King fans.

- * A small village with a gloomy and mysterious background, old grudges and a feeling of constant danger worthy of David Lynch. But also, a tale of adventure and friendship.
- * Edgar Allan Poe meets Stranger Things.

BOOK FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), 2017
RIGHTS SOLD IN: POLAND (AKAPIT), CZECH REPUBLIC (BOOKMEDIA) - TV RIGHTS OPTIONED



**MYSTERY
12+**

**THERE'S SOMETHING HAPPENING
ON THIS ISLAND... SOMETHING AWFUL**



THE GREYS

GUIDO SGARDOLI

The idea of a father-and-son holiday in the mountains wouldn't be all that bad, if the goal wasn't... hunting for aliens.

Which don't exist, of course! Things change when he meets Claudia. With her, everything is perfect. But then Angelo and Claudia find a gigantic silver egg in the woods. An egg that is no ordinary egg... What if his father wasn't really crazy?

- * As intriguing as *The Tommyknockers*, as adrenaline-fuelled as *Stranger Things*, and as nostalgic as *Back to the Future* and *The Goonies*.
- * With THE GREYS, Guido Sgardoli launches Italian science-fiction for children.

BOOK FIRST PUBLISHER: DEA PLANETA (ITALY), 2019



**SCI-FI
10+**



WE ARE NOT ALONE

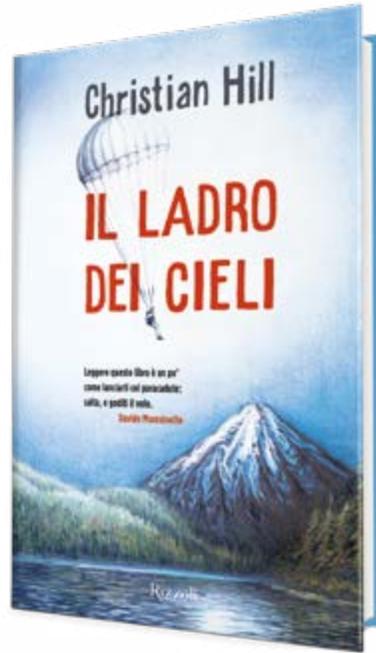
THE SKY THIEF

CHRISTIAN HILL

In 1971, a man known as D.B. Cooper hijacked an American scheduled airline and demanded \$200,000 and a parachute be brought on board. Then, he left the plane. What did he do next? Thirty-five years later, a boy named Rusty meets an old man called Carter who shows him that “you always get a second chance...”

- * Two stories packed with adventure, acts of bravery and humanity, woven together with narrative mastery.
- * A powerfully honest and moving story, with a surprising twist.

📖 **FIRST PUBLISHER: RIZZOLI (ITALY), 2019**
RIGHTS SOLD IN: LITHUANIA (ALMA LITTERA)



ADVENTURE
12+

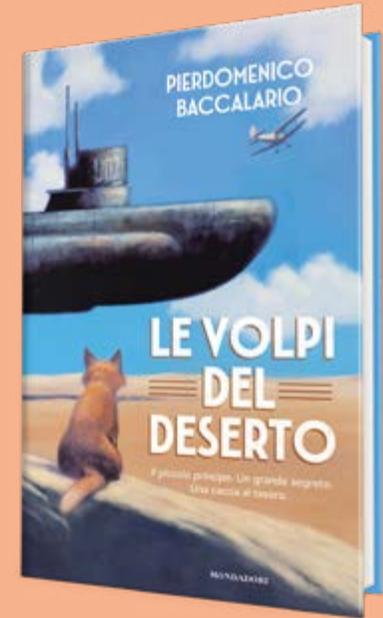
THE DESERT FOXES

PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO

A code hidden in the first edition of *The Little Prince*, and an ancient secret. A forty-year-long treasure hunt that leads to a remote village on Corsica and the ramshackle Hotel Napoleon, where Morice and his family have just moved...

- * Saint-Exupery and Roald Dahl, Rommel and a hidden submarine, secret passages and shady characters all come together in a plot full of surprises.
- * A story of friendship and courage, with a spirit of adventure worthy of the *Goonies*.
- * Finalist for the Strega Children's Prize 2019 and finalist for Gigante delle Langhe 2019.

📖 **FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI (ITALY), 2018**
RIGHTS SOLD IN: SPAIN (EDEBE), ALBANIA (ALBAS), FRANCE (THIERRY MAGNIER)



ADVENTURE
11+

IT WAS DECISION TIME. HE FELT FOR THE HANDLE. SHUT HIS EYES. IT WOULD TAKE A FEW SECONDS TO KNOW IF IT HAD WORKED. OR IF HE WAS GOING TO HIT THE GROUND AND DIE.



THE BEST-HIDDEN, MOST CUNNING PLAN IN HISTORY

MOUSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND

GIUSEPPE FESTA

What would happen if a band of wood mice were to find a strange black stone, all square and shiny? And what would they do if it started to ring and shake all of a sudden? This is what happened to Terr and his friends, who had never seen a human being before, and thought one young boy's lost smartphone was a mysterious alien object for talking to extra-terrestrials.

- * A fun book full of misunderstandings, big laughs and lots of adventures.
- * There are a million sides to the truth, and sometimes all it takes to see them is a different point of view.
- * Finalist for Gigante delle Langhe Children's Prize 2020.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: SALANI (ITALY), 2019



ADVENTURE
9+

AN ADVENTURE THAT WILL
GO DOWN IN HISTORY

URSULA

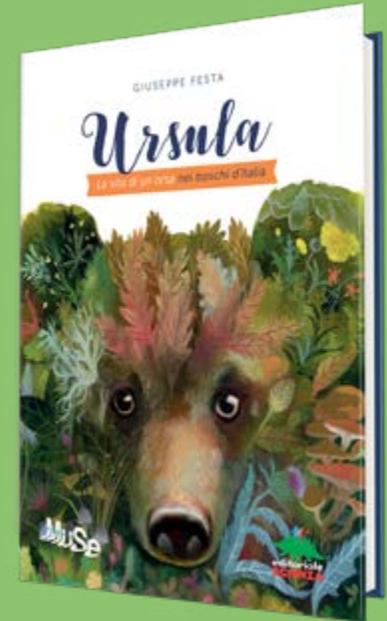
GIUSEPPE FESTA

This story's protagonist is a bear who tells us about her own life, and that of all the bears that have repopulated the Italian woods in recent years. We meet Ursula in winter when, newly born, she stays safe in the den with her mum and little brother. As the seasons pass, we see her grow, play, go in search of food, face dangers and adversities, until the moment when she's finally ready to take her own path.

- * An engaging narrative.
- * Accurate scientific insights by researchers from MUSE (Trento Science Museum) to raise awareness of the brown bear's characteristics and habits.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: EDITORIALE SCIENZA (ITALY), 2020

THE ADVENTURE OF A BEAR
IN THE ITALIAN WOODS



ADVENTURE
8+

Giuseppe has a degree in Natural Sciences and works in the environmental education field. His great passions in life are writing, music and the outdoors. Founder and singer of the Lingalad folk music group, he has also written a number of nature reports for Italian broadcaster RAI and starred in the award-winning documentary *Oltre la Frontiera*. His novels have been widely translated.



A HUNDRED STEPS TO FREEDOM

GIUSEPPE FESTA

Lucio has always experienced the mountains with his eyes shut, and he sees things no-one else notices.

It is in the mountains that Lucio, who lost his sight as a young child, crosses paths with a baby eagle kidnapped by poachers. All seems lost. But the mountain hides many clues, which can reveal the truth to someone who knows how to listen for them – someone like Lucio.

- * A story about diversity and the courage to accept it.
- * Shortlisted for the Strega Children's Prize 2019.



COMING OF
AGE STORY
9+

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: SALANI (ITALY), 2018
RIGHTS SOLD IN: SPAIN (DUOMO EDICIONES),
JAPAN (IWASAKI), KOREA (INORI), CHINA
(GUANGXI NORMAL UNIVERSITY PRESS GROUP)

THE BREATH OF THE
MOUNTAIN, THE
COURAGE TO SPREAD
YOUR WINGS



THE CHILDREN OF THE FOREST

GIUSEPPE FESTA

Elisa and her friends have no intention of giving up their fight to return their children – two wolf cubs found and raised in captivity – to the woods. They have taught them the law of the pack and want to give them a chance to run free.

- * A compelling true story and the wonder of nature described in all its harshness.
- * The love and fear that has bound humans and wolves for millennia.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: GARZANTI (ITALY), 2018
RIGHTS SOLD IN: CZECH REPUBLIC (NAKLA-
DATELSTVÍ KAZDA)

THE ADVENTURE OF TWO
WOLVES EXPERIENCING
FREEDOM FOR THE FIRST TIME



ADVENTURE
10+

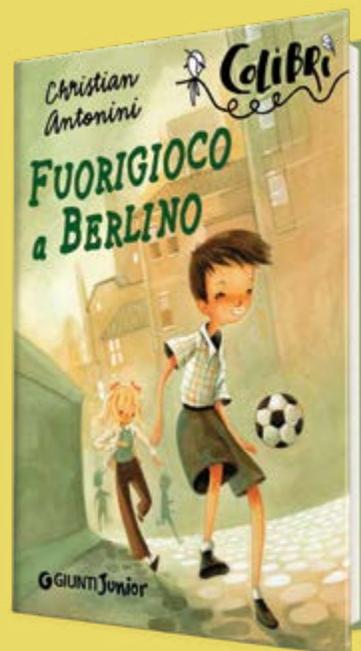
THE BERLIN OFFSIDE

CHRISTIAN ANTONINI

Every afternoon, in a small square in Berlin, eight children get together to play a football tournament. But a wall, raised between East and West the night before the final, separates the two teams forever. The winner will never be decided... or will it? There is still a chance to play one last, memorable game.

- * A story of adventure and rebellion, set against the iron curtain that split Germany in two.
- * World history seen through the eyes of children, for whom there are no such things as barriers and divisions, only obstacles to overcome.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: GIUNTI (ITALY), 2018
TV RIGHTS OPTIONED



COMING OF
AGE STORY
10+

SOMETIMES
A GAME
CAN CHANGE
THE WORLD



A LETTER WITH PIGTAILS

CHRISTIAN ANTONINI

1914: Johanna, the daughter of a railway engineer in Mexico City, must go and see her mother in Texas. To keep her safe, her father decides to put a stamp on her and send her in a postal carriage. A long journey awaits, full of weird and wonderful encounters – including with Pancho Villa himself.

- * Emotions, conspiracies and secrets all wound up in an enormous adventure.
- * Touches on the theme of travel and the coming-of-age of a spirited, determined young girl.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: GIUNTI (ITALY), 2018
RIGHTS SOLD IN: BELGIUM AND
NETHERLANDS (LA ZETA)



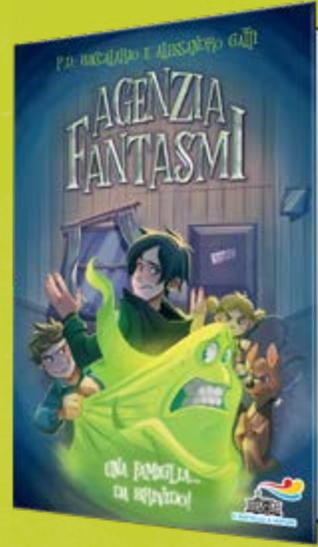
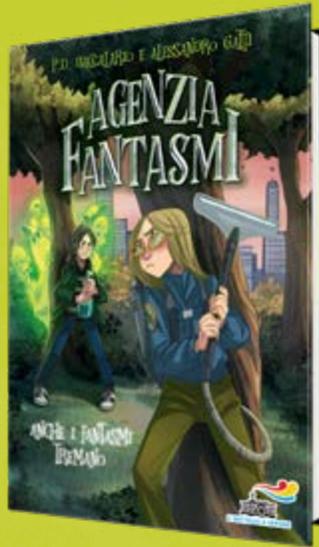
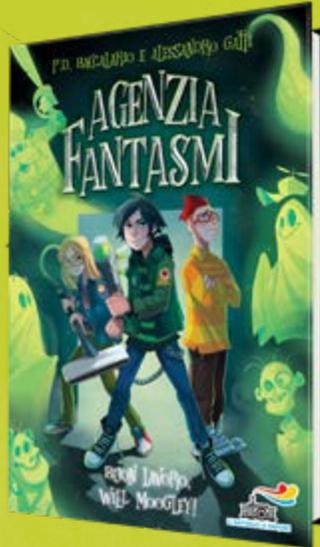
ADVENTURE
10+

ON THE TRAIN
HOME, STAMPED
LIKE A LETTER,
HEADING FOR
ADVENTURE



GHOST AGENCY

PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO & ALESSANDRO GATTI



HUMOUR
8+

THE MOST
RAMSHACKLE
GHOST AGENCY
ON THE PLANET!

Looking for a ghost to haunt a castle? In need of an apparition to make an impression? Want a Poltergeist to liven up a party? The Williard Moogley ghost agency has everything you need!

- * Funny, irreverent and capricious ghosts, vain old souls who love being the centre of attention again, and willingly rely on an agent to get them there, just like the artists of the entertainment world.
- * Its totally eccentric manager, Will, is a bony kid with a long black fringe, jeans and basketball shoes. He has no family, but two inseparable friends: Tupper and the enchanting Susan. Then there's also Uncle Alvin, now passed on to a better life but always ready to join in if called on by his nephew.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), 2020
SERIES: 4 TITLES PUBLISHED

Masters of comedy and crime genres, **Pierdomenico** and **Alessandro** have been friends since school. They have written many successful series together, including *The Intrigues*, but have never robbed a bank!



THE INTRIGUES

PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO & ALESSANDRO GATTI

The adventures of a family of spies dating back for generations. Discreet cloak and dagger services, since 1366!

- * A series with the perfect mix of humour, adventure and intrigue!
- * Storytelling that fizzes off the page, appealing to even the most reluctant of readers.

 **ILLUSTRATOR: TOMMASO RONDA**
FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), 2018
RIGHTS SOLD IN: SPAIN (EDEBE), POLAND (RELACJA), GREECE (DIOPTRA), FRANCE (HACHETTE), RUSSIA (AST)
SERIES: 3 TITLES PUBLISHED: 1. A SAPPHIRE BLUE ENIGMA / 2. A PITCH BLACK FRAUD / 3. A BLOOD-RED LETTER



SPY STORY
9+

**WELCOME TO A HOUSEFUL OF INTRIGUES
WHERE MYSTERY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR!**

AURORA CHEN AND THE KILLER SLIPPER CREW

PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO & ALESSANDRO GATTI

An adorable band of old crooks, just out of prison, meet a girl and her best friend.

Older and younger generations come together with twists, laughter and strokes of genius.

- * A compelling and entertaining story.
- * A mystery to solve and a friendship beyond any preconceptions.

 **FIRST PUBLISHER: FABBRI (ITALY), 2019**



SPY STORY
9+



**THEY'RE BACK,
TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND NOW
THEY'RE NOT ALONE!**

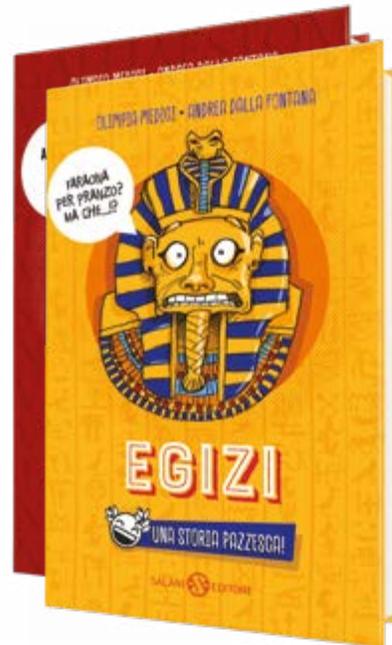
A CRAZY STORY

HISTORY'S FUNNIEST HISTORY BOOKS!

OLIMPIA MEDICI & ANDREA DALLA FONTANA

- * Each volume explores an ancient population in a fun and original way, with sparkling texts, comic strips and information sheets.
- * Each volume is organised into 12 themed chapters (art/architecture, religion, back when you were 10, daily life, cooking, language, VIPs, etc.), and is enriched with timelines, quizzes and tests that help to consolidate the information.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: SALANI (ITALY), 2020
SERIES 4 TITLES: 2 PUBLISHED: THE EGYPTIANS - THE ROMANS
COMING OUT IN 2021: THE GREEKS - THE BARBARIANS
RIGHTS SOLD IN: CZECH REPUBLIC (DOBROVSKÝ)



HISTORY
HUMOUR
8+

WHY DID MUMMIES HAVE THEIR BRAINS REMOVED BUT NOT THEIR HEARTS?

Olimpia is a translator, a teacher and tour guide. She has written articles on the environment and mountains, scripts and theatrical performances and she is the author of the book *Viva via Italy* together with Paolo La Bua.

BEFORE YOU START SECONDARY SCHOOL

STORIES, TIPS AND RULES FOR SURVIVAL!

OLIMPIA MEDICI & DANIELE NICASTRO

You've finished primary school, you're definitely ready to take your place among the older kids now, the ones who go to secondary school... no, you're not! How do you know if you're really all set for your new school, teachers, subjects, meetings...? That's right, you don't. Better make sure you're ready, don't you think? Flicking through the pages of this book you'll find things to discover and learn to do before you go to secondary school... but don't worry: you'll be laughing, even whistling all the way. Because in the end it's nothing new, you just need a bit of training!

- * Typical narration style of a gamebook
- * Humour in text and pictures

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), 2020

GAMEBOOK
10+



Illustrations by Andrea Dalla Fontana

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO TACKLE SECONDARY SCHOOL? YOU NEED TO READ THIS BOOK!

Andrea works with all aspects of graphics, from food packaging to social campaigns. His passion for illustration led him to join Book on a Tree. For the last four years, he has appeared every Wednesday in the pages of the La Stampa newspaper with a humorous cartoon.

THE GIGGLEGANG

L. RULFO, L. VACCARINO, A. GATTI, D. CALÌ, S. ROSSI, G. DANILI,
D. MOROSINOTTO, D. NICASTRO, P. BACCALARIO, T. PERCIVALE,
G. SGARDOLI, L. ALTOMONTE, J. MOTTOLA, E. PURICELLI GUERRA

A class of quick-witted, quirky kids and a headmaster who will give you the heebie-jeebies.

- * A series penned with irresistible gusto by Book on a Tree's popular children's authors!
- * A dazzling array of tricks, gadgets and pranks, not to mention a barrel of laughs!

📖 ILLUSTRATOR: LAURA RE - ART DIRECTOR: DAVIDE CALI.
FIRST PUBLISHER: EDIZIONI LAPIS (ITALY), 2016
RIGHTS SOLD IN: CHINA (HARBIN), GREECE (DIOPTRA), TURKEY (KITAPCI)
SERIES: 18 TITLES PUBLISHED

THE SCHOOL YOU ALWAYS DREAMED OF!

HUMOUR
7+



THE FETID FOUR

D.S. GUSTING

At Charles Darwin primary school, Operation Greyness is underway. Lord Soporiferus and the new headteacher, Darth Water, are on a mission to conquer schools across the planet. Luckily, the Fetid Four are here – brave fighters of Terminal Boredom!

- * Stories that poke fun at everyday school situations, canteen food, teachers, PE and things every child can identify with.
- * Featuring Captain Armpit and his Perspiration-power, the Legendary FRRP! and his Fart-power, Lady Snot and her Bogey-power, and Belchman and his Eructa-dynamism.

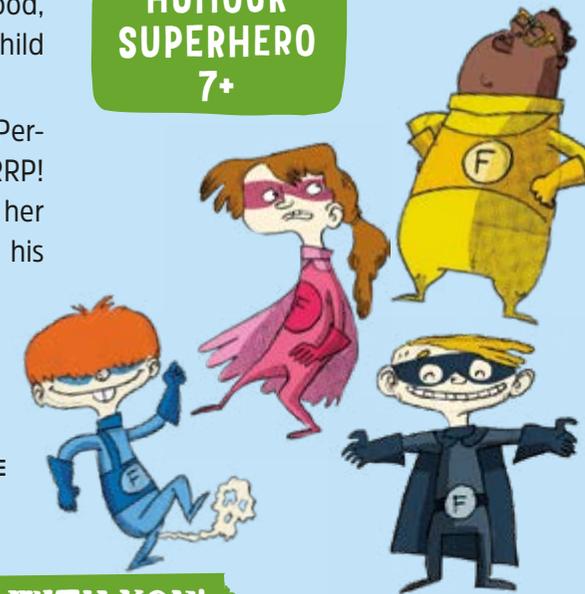
📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), 2018
SERIES: 2 TITLES PUBLISHED: THE FETID FOUR FIGHT TERMINAL BOREDOM / THE FETID FOUR FIGHT THE CREATURE OF THE CANTEEN

MAY THE FARTS BE WITH YOU!

D.S Gusting spent his youth working in a sandwich shop. He became a cheese expert and spent his days looking for Le Grand Putride. After finally tasting it, he was unconscious for several days. On awakening, having forgotten his past, he started a new life as a writer. Clearly this isn't true. The name hides three mysterious Italian authors...



HUMOUR
SUPERHERO
7+



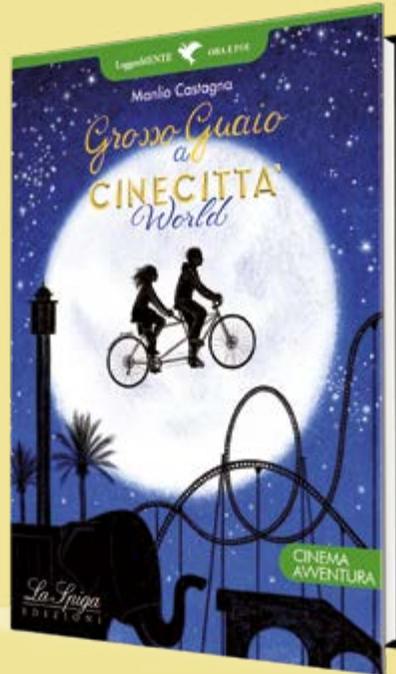
BIG TROUBLE AT CINECITTÀ WORLD

MANLIO CASTAGNA

The last pages of a book about the most mysterious and accursed film director of all time, are missing. Thirteen-year-old Guido Anselmi only has the few hours before sunrise to solve the puzzle, but it's Walpurgis Night and anything is possible at Cinecittà World... as if in a dream, the park comes to life: menacing gangsters, submarines and a beautiful girl who offers to help him but seems to attract trouble at every turn.

- * An unforgettable, adrenaline-fuelled adventure set in the Cinecittà World cinema theme park.
- * Frequent references to the situations of masterpiece, like *A Night at the Museum*, *Jumanji*, *The Purple Rose of Cairo* and the dreamlike cinema of Federico Fellini, to whom the novel is dedicated.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: ELI - LA SPIGA (ITALY), 2020



ADVENTURE
FANTASY
10+

THE ADVENTURE OF
ALL ADVENTURES



THE PHENOMENAL P.T. HELIODORE

GUIDO SGARDOLI

The first time P. T. Heliodore ever heard an animal speak, he was ten years old. P. T. had an imagination as big as Connecticut. So, just as he knew animals could speak, he also knew his father was a king and that Alice had green hair, but not just any old green – as green as the tips of spring buds. And she could fly. Yes, Alice knew how to fly. She was the feather girl.

- * A magical mix of poetic, surreal and dreamlike elements.
- * An effortlessly direct writing style. The combination of imagination and the paradoxical produces a compelling read that will be irresistible to everyone who loved Roald Dahl and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), 2019
RIGHTS SOLD IN: RUSSIA (SAMOKAT),
FRANCE (BAYARD)



ADVENTURE
10+

WELCOME TO THE WORLD'S
GREATEST SHOW, THE TOTALLY
TREMENDOUS THEATRE OF
WONDERS!



SAVE THE WORLD

ANDREA VICO & LUCIA VACCARINO

THE PLANET'S DESTINY IS IN YOUR HANDS!

What are the consequences of climate change? How can pollution and the greenhouse effect be countered? Why is it important to plant trees and stop deforestation? We must act fast to save the world and ourselves! Simply starting from everyday life, from those small things that we can all do, at home, at school, in our city. Involving friends, parents and teachers. Because, as everyone knows, there's strength in numbers!

Just as Lila, Vanessa and Filippo will learn, one scorching June...

- * The protagonists are a group of 10-14-year-old children who look around and encounter environmental problems in their daily lives, ask questions, find adults (parents, teachers, scientists close to home, the plumber, or the aunt who sells solar panels...) who explain, search the web for technologies that offer solutions, and then act. Sometimes alone, sometimes with family, sometimes at school by teaming up with classmates and teachers.
- * Climate change, addressed in turn through defined and related topics: plastic, energy, mobility, food production, water and the melting of the glaciers, the oceans and their problems, waste and the transition to a circular economy...

 FIRST PUBLISHER: FABBRI (ITALY), 2020 SERIES: 4 TITLES PUBLISHED

NARRATIVE NON FICTION



Andrea Andrea is a journalist who's been dealing with environmental problems for thirty years. Based on scientific studies, he invents books, games, educational workshops and summer camps to teach children to respect the Earth.

Lucia has a patient scientist by her side and a house full of books. In addition to writing novels, she works in cinema and animation.



THE ORDER OF THE GARLAND

IMPOSSIBLE CASES THAT NOBODY CAN SOLVE

TOMMASO PERCIVALE

“Lucy Blackstone, Mei Li Bradford, Candice King, Kaja Bandhura” the queen recited. “In recognition of your accomplishments in the field, I appoint you members of the Order of the Garland.

“Secretive as foxes who hunt in the dead of night, you will pursue the most elusive criminals, the impossible cases, the insoluble mysteries, all in the name of the Queen of England.”

- * Four inseparable friends with a common passion: to seek out the truth.
- * Superb descriptions of Victorian London and a generous dose of suspense and humour. A treat for fans of Sherlock Holmes!

 **FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI (ITALY), 2019**
SERIES: 2 TITLES PUBLISHED: THE CASE OF THE SIXTY-SIX SECONDS / THE CASE OF THE VANISHED VILLAGE



SPY
STORY
10+



THEY'RE CLEVER,
CUNNING, BRAVE.
THEY'RE SECRET
AGENTS AND GIRLS!

THE MYSTERY OF GORSE MANOR

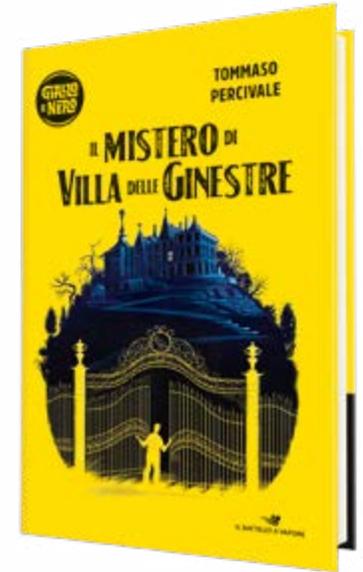
TOMMASO PERCIVALE

What colour is a dead person's face? Greta Sullivan had been wondering about it for a while.

In horror stories it was white or yellow, but that morning an article had mentioned a strangled guy found “with a cyanotic face” and Greta knew that cyanotic meant blue. And so? Gorse Manor, her grandparents' house, only fuels her doubts...

- * A broken window, the family jewels stolen and a ghost who misses an appointment...
- * For eight-year-old Greta, curious and resourceful, it's the beginning of a dream: let the investigation start!

 **FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), 2020**



MYSTERY
10+

A YOUNG GIRL WITH A FASCINATION FOR
THE MACABRE TURNS DETECTIVE
IN HER GRANDPARENTS' CREEPY VILLA

Tommaso lives and writes on an isolated hilltop surrounded by rocks, wind, woods and roe deer. Passionate about stories, sleight of hand, comics and games, he is a curious writer and, as such, tackles various genres, ranging from historical fiction to science fiction, from adventures to thrillers. His novels have been translated into more than twenty languages.



BLANCHE

ANGÉLIQUE CHEVALIER



SPY STORY
9+



History books cite three Angélique Chevaliers who, between the late 1600s and late 1800s, printed a variety of short publications in Reims, near Paris. It was believed that the name Angélique was passed down through generations or was, perhaps, a nom de plume. This led to the suspicion that at least one of the three may have been a lady in the French king's court, an aspiring swordswoman, a lady-in-waiting, Queen Anne of Austria's personal spy. All excellent reasons, we think, for hiding your identity.



1633. The French Royal Court. There's a quick-witted girl moving around the halls of the Louvre: it's Blanche De La Fere, lady-in-waiting to Queen Anne and brave-hearted spy, not to mention able swordswoman at the headquarters of D'Artagnan's musketeers!

Fourteen-year-old Blanche has a rebellious heart and will stop at nothing to protect her queen from court intrigue...

- * Subterfuges, chases, duels, pursuits across city rooftops... as well as grand balls, secret messages and fluttering hearts.
- * A modern adventure with plenty of thrills, telling of a courageous young girl who fights with both head and heart, and picks roses as lightly as she handles a sword.

 **FIRST PUBLISHER: PIEMME (ITALY), 2018**
RIGHTS SOLD IN: FRANCE (POCKET JEUNESSE)
SERIES: 2 TITLES PUBLISHED - ONE NEW TITLE COMING IN SUMMER

A SPY IN THE FRENCH COURT.

BY NIGHT SHE RIDES AND ENGAGES IN SWORD FIGHTS.
BY DAY SHE ATTENDS LESSONS IN DANCE AND ETIQUETTE.

TWO NOVELS BORN FROM *DO YOU HAVE A STORY?*, A CONTEST FOR CHILDREN UNDER-18'S TO SELECT THE BEST IDEA FOR A STORY

THE GAME LUCIA VACCARINO & DAVIDE MOROSINOTTO

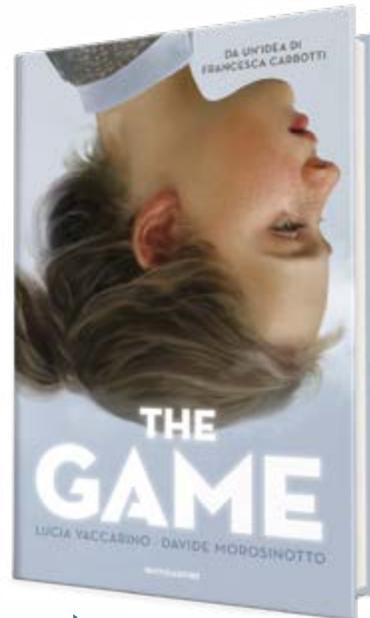
FROM AN IDEA BY FRANCESCA CARBOTTI

HORROR LURKS WHERE
YOU LEAST EXPECT IT

A village where everyone knows everyone else. A game that forbids you to speak. A mysterious whisper you can't disobey.

- * Stephen King-style tension in a young adult tale that grapples with the themes, fears and angst of this generation using a simple, direct writing style that shoots straight to the heart.
- * If you loved *13 Reasons Why*.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI (ITALY),
2018 RIGHTS SOLD IN: POLAND (AKAPIT)



THRILLER
10+

Davide is a sci-fi and children's author whose books have been translated into several languages. His novel *The Pocket Watch Gang* won the Italian Andersen Award 2017. **Lucia** is a well-known children's author who has also developed children's TV programmes. This is their first book together, and it is ready to be transformed into a TV series!



THE COUNTER WORLD JACOPO OLIVIERI

FROM AN IDEA BY MARTINA GERENICH

HOW FAR ARE YOU PREPARED TO
GO TO DO THE RIGHT THING?

A morning in early summer, a world full of technology, a botanical garden that is to be razed to the ground to make way for a new multifunctional centre and a girl willing to do anything to save her corner of paradise...

- * Black Mirror style exploration of topical themes in a future inspired by today's world.
- * A perfect picture of our age and an invitation to change course.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI (ITALY), 2019



SCI-FI
10+

Jacopo Olivieri , a versatile artist, started off as an illustrator and cartoonist. He worked for years in the theatre as a costume designer and set designer. He has published children's books with the leading Italian publishing houses.



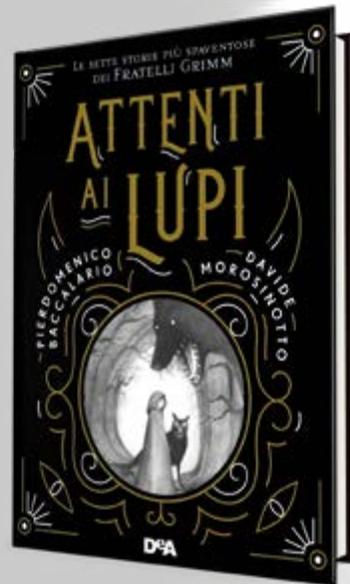
BEWARE OF WOLVES

DAVIDE MOROSINOTTO
PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO

"Fairy tales are not for children... Fairy tales are scary and fill your head with questions. Fairy tales have teeth. They bite..."

- * A contemporary take on the great classics, penned by two "masters" of contemporary writing for children, told from the protagonist's point of view.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: DEA PLANETA (ITALY), 2018



THE SEVEN SCARIEST
STORIES BY
THE BROTHERS GRIMM

SCARY TALES
10+



THE MOST WONDERFUL STORY EVER WRITTEN

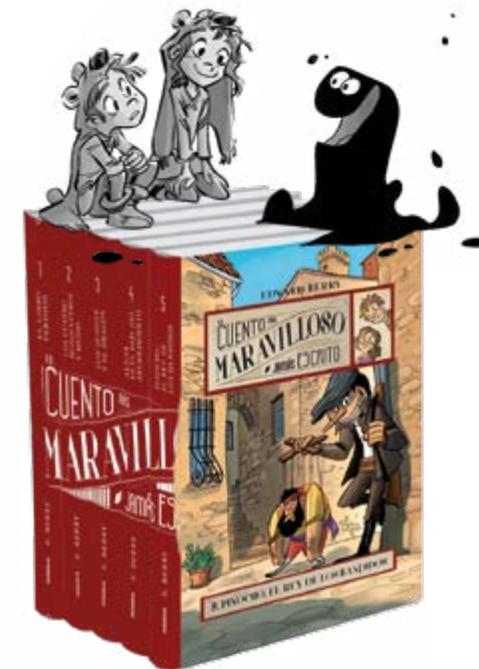
EDWARD BERRY

The contents have mysteriously vanished from a new children's book, while bizarre new characters and objects have appeared in old classics, ruining these beloved stories.

- * A fascinating, action-packed adventure which celebrates the vital importance of storytelling.
- * A tribute to the timeless tales that have fired up children's imaginations for generations.

📖 ILLUSTRATOR: STEFANO TURCONI
FIRST PUBLISHER: LA GALERA (SPAIN), 2015
RIGHTS SOLD IN: SPAIN (LA GALERA), FRANCE (FLAMMARION JEUNESSE), GERMANY (TIELE VERLAG), ITALY (GIUNTI), TURKEY (DOMINGO PUBLISHING), PORTUGAL (EDITORIAL PRESENCA), GREECE (METAIXMIO)
SERIES: 5 TITLES PUBLISHED: 1. THE LOST BOOK / 2. THE FOUR AND A HALF MUSKETEERS / 3. DON QUIXOTE AND THE DRAGON / 4. ALICE IN BORINGLAND / 5. PINOCCHIO, KING OF THIEVES

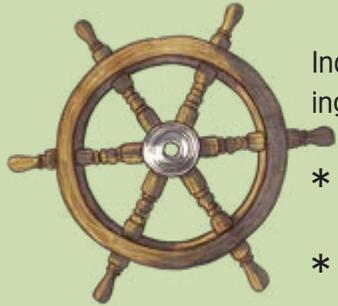
ADVENTURE
9+



DIVE INTO THE PAGES OF YOUR
FAVOURITE NOVELS

THE CORSAIRS

BY ITALY'S BESTSELLING CHILDREN'S AUTHOR



Incredible, epic stories, spanning all of history, and ranging around the world, bringing excitement, suspense and mystery, with a healthy dose of laughter!

- * A sophisticated editorial product with exquisite cover artwork, old-style maps, comparative chronological tables and short profiles of the historical figures mentioned.
- * An original series of adventure books written by Italy's bestselling children's authors.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: SOLFERINO (ITALY), 2018 - PAGES: 96

RIGHTS SOLD IN: GREECE (METAIXMIO)

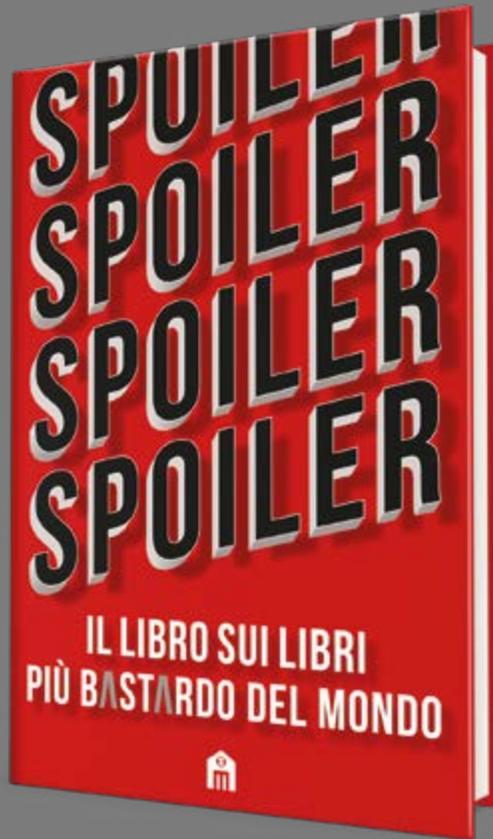
SERIES 16 TITLES PUBLISHED: 1. HERE COME THE HOOD BROTHERS, GUIDO SGARDOLI / 2. BLACK POWDER, MIRIAM DUBINI / 3. THE TERRIBLE TESTAMENT OF JEREMY HOPPERTON, DAVIDE MOROSINOTTO / 4. THE RETURN OF THE TSAR, PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO / 5. THE MYSTERIOUS VIKING, SABRINA COLLOREDO / 6. THE PIRATE QUEEN, EDUARDO JAUREGUI / 7. THE ROUTE OF THE ANDES, CHRISTIAN HILL / 8. HIRO OF THE MONKEYS, GIUSEPPE FESTA / 9. BATTLE NAME MADGA, ANDREA PAU / 10. RICO THE BRAVE, LUISA MATTIA / 11. THE WITCH OF LOCH LIATH, SILVIA RONCAGLIA / 12. JOURNEY TO THE FORBIDDEN CITY, ELISA PURICELLI GUERRA / 13. THE YOUNG SAMURAI, IGOR DE AMICIS - PAOLA LUCIANI / 14. THE MYSTERY OF THE ULDA, DANIELE NICASTRO / 15. LENA, MOUNTAIN ANCHOVY, MARCO MAGNONE / 16. THE SUMATRA EMERALDS, CHRISTIAN ANTONINI - MORE TITLES COMING SOON

**A SERIES FOR ADVENTURE-SEEKERS!
SMALL IN SIZE, BIG ON ADVENTURE!**

**ADVENTURE
8+**



SPOILER



BLABBERMOUTH
BOOK 10+

THE BIGGEST BLABBERMOUTH BOOK EVER ABOUT BOOKS

A book of bookfiles presenting 80 of the world's most famous books. From Anna Karenina to Harry Potter, it describes some of the biggest bestsellers of all time and from all over the world. "Luckily, we couldn't fit in every book in the world but our sixth sense tells us we've picked the best ones, the ones you haven't read and which you can embrace the spoilers for all by yourself!"

- * For each book, there's a full bookfile including author, original language, year of publication, literary genre and even a sample quote... to give you a taste of how talented the author is, the literary style and the scope of the story.
- * Each book has a spoiler rating, depending on whether it could make you feel faint, make your hands itch or just slide right off you like a bead of sweat down your back. In other words, think carefully before reading a 5-star spoiler.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: MAGAZZINI SALANI (ITALY), 2019



PIZZOLOGY

EDUARDO JÁUREGUI

An infallible test to analyse your own and your friends' personalities by observing how you behave when it comes to pizza. Do you prefer to go to a pizzeria or have takeaway? Do you always order the same or do you like trying new toppings each time? Do you eat it from the centre out or from the outside in?

- * A test to find out who you are and understand more about yourself and the world around you
- * A fun and ironic book, perfect to read on an evening with friends, perhaps over an excellent pizza

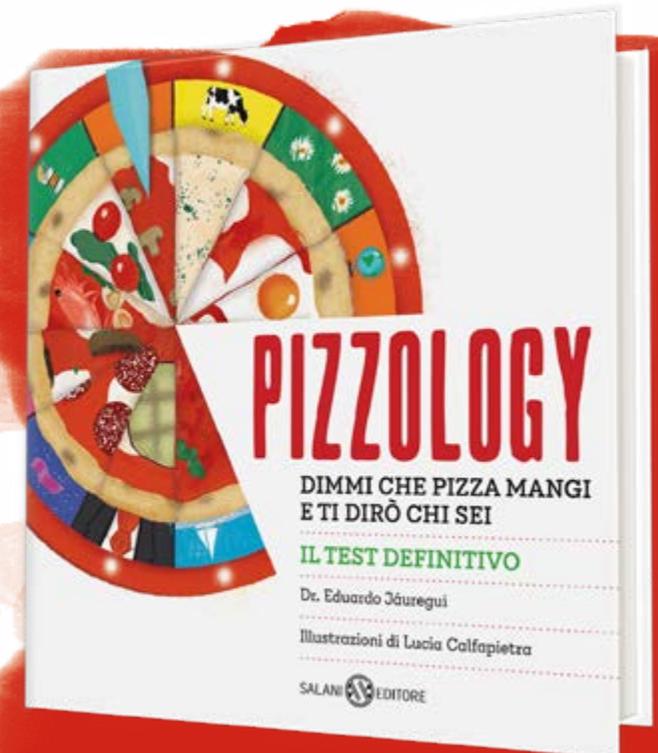
 **FIRST PUBLISHER: SALANI (ITALY), 2020**

HAVE YOU HEARD OF PIZZOLOGY, THE NEW SCIENCE THAT REVEALS THE MYSTERIES OF THE HUMAN MIND?

Eduardo is a professor of Positive Psychology and co-founder of Humour Positivo, a training company specialised in sense of humour. He regularly writes for academic journals in the field and for the Spanish newspaper El Mundo. He has already published several novels, translated into more than twenty languages.

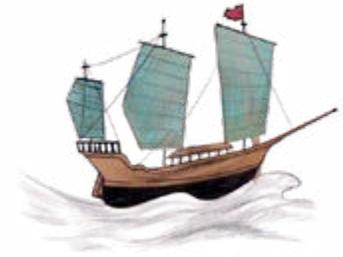
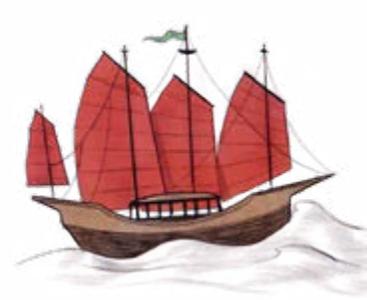


**NON FICTION
HUMOUR**



THE ATLAS OF IMAGINARY PLACES

PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO & DAVIDE CALÌ



A trip to the ends of the earth in search of the girl who stole your heart...

- * A modern-day story with echoes of old-world fable and adventure.
- * Fascinating worlds populated by fantastic creatures – a must-have map for imaginary travellers.

 ILLUSTRATOR: ISABELLA MAZZANTI
FIRST PUBLISHER: MONDADORI (ITALY), 2017



AN IMPOSSIBLE SEARCH.
A JOURNEY YOU'LL NEVER FORGET.



I AM A LEAF

ANGELO MOZZILO & MARIANNA BALDUCCI



ONE DAY I AM BLOWING

ONE DAY I CAN'T GET GOING

ONE DAY BLAZING SUNSHINE

ONE DAY THERE IS NONE

IF SOMEDAY YOU WANT ME

DON'T ASK WHO I AM NOW

ONE DAY I WILL BE A LEAF

IF YOU WILL BE MY BOUGH

* Day after day, different moods, in search of the right moment, of stability.

📖 **FIRST PUBLISHER:** BACCHILEGA JUNIOR (ITALY), 2020
RIGHTS SOLD IN: KOREA (HYEONAMSA)

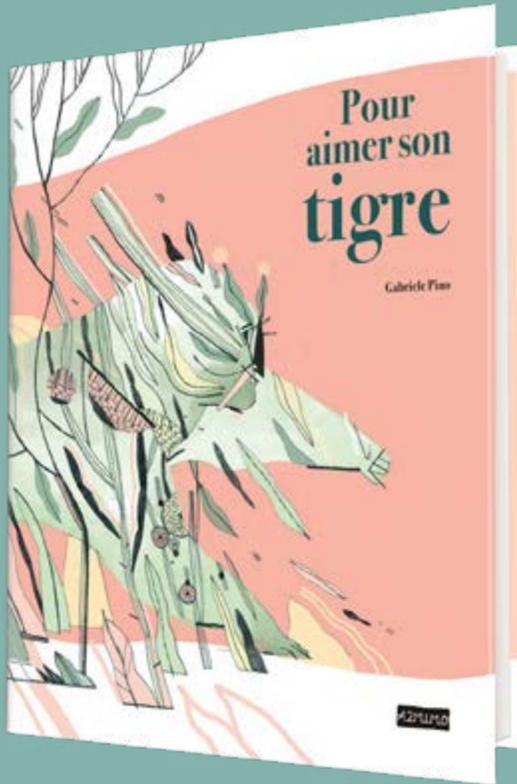


PICTURE
BOOK



THE TIGER

DAVIDE CALÌ & GABRIELE PINO



**SOME THINK THAT NATURE IS BEAUTIFUL
AND LOCK THE TIGER AWAY IN A CAGE
SOME THINK THAT NATURE IS USEFUL
AND MAKE A COAT FROM THE TIGER'S SKIN...**

- * A man muses over a tiger, wondering whether to dominate it, tame it or love it. But who is the tiger really?
- * Inspired by an Indian proverb, a poetic and ironic interpretation of the relationship between humans and nature.

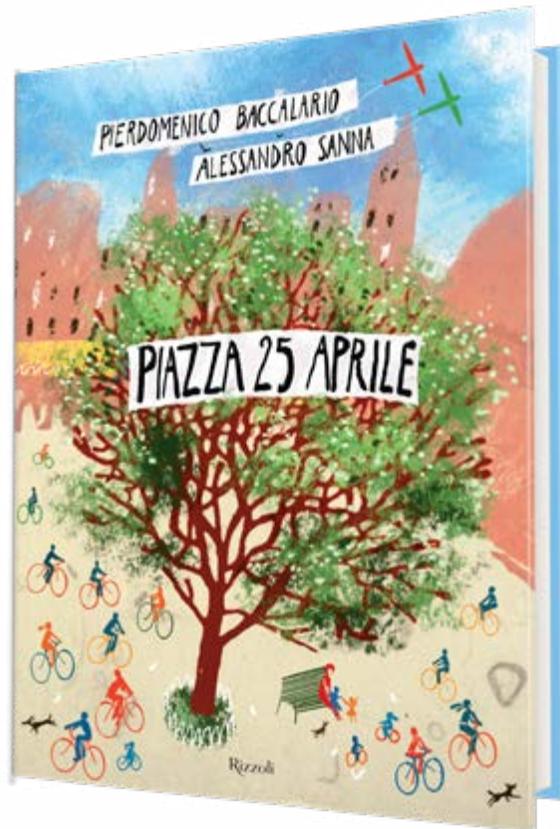
 **FIRST PUBLISHER: A2MIMO (FRANCE), 2020
RIGHTS SOLD IN: KOREA (BOOKLIGHT)**



**PICTURE
BOOK**

PIAZZA 25 APRILE

PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO & ALESSANDRO SANNA



PICTURE
BOOK

From 1934, with the football World Cup win, to 1945, Liberation Day, an Italian square watches history passing through.

This is a story of war, exclusion, losses. And, in the end, rebirth.

* A picture story of Liberation and the birth of the Italian Republic, told through the poetic gaze of a little girl.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: RIZZOLI (ITALY)



THE FIRST THING I REMEMBER

IS A BIG PARTY

ALL THAT WILL SEEM

IMPOSSIBLE TO YOU...

ALESSANDRO SANNA is one of the best-known award-winning Italian illustrators. With Rizzoli he has published *Fiume lento* (Super Premio Andersen 2014) and *Come questa pietra* (2019).

THE NIGHT OF THE WHALE

PEPPO BIANCHESSI



Dad, mum, the cat and I quickly climbed up onto the roof
We each waited in our places in silence
We smelt a scent of algae and salt
And it arrived... It eclipsed the moon... and showed us its belly...
It approached my father... touched his forehead
It stayed with him a while, then left

- * The wonder of life and its fluctuations shown in a sequence of highly emotional images.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: RIZZOLI (ITALY), 2019

PICTURE BOOK



ON A MIDSUMMER NIGHT,
THE WHALE ARRIVED...

AND THEN IT WAS TIME

PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO and ANNA PIROLI

AND THEN IT WAS TIME.
AND THAT MOMENT WILL RETURN.
TIME AND AGAIN.



if you're curious, generous and starry-eyed enough. A small book telling of great things, of how life is a story that never ends... taking on new colours, forms and depth with every passing month and year.

- * The cycle of life narrated with the lightest of touches, through simple illustrations and contemporary language.
- * A book of few words and captivating emotions, the kind only great authors can convey.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: SALANI (ITALY), 2019



HOMES AROUND THE WORLD

MARIAPAOLA PESCE & MARTINA TONELLO



PICTURE
BOOK

- * A trip around the world, in the company of an intrepid young girl who wants to see for herself the customs and traditions of all the people she encounters.
- * Eleven types of homes scattered across five continents, treating young readers to insights into the most fascinating homes in the world, while revealing the customs of the world's peoples.

📖 **FIRST PUBLISHER: ELECTA KIDS (ITALY), 2018**
RIGHT SOLD IN: CHINA (PUBLISHING HOUSE OF ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY), BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS (SCHOOLSUPPORT)



WHAT IS A HOME?

A DEN TO TAKE SHELTER IN,

A NEST IN WHICH TO RAISE OUR CHILDREN,

A QUIET CORNER FOR OUR HOBBIES.



THE DAY OF THE WHALES

CORNELIUS & T.CAROZZI



They came from the sky
And it was a day of Wonder
But it was also an unexpected disturbance

* A story about the unknown and how prejudice poisons relationships.

📖 **FIRST PUBLISHER: CHOCOLAT JEUNESSE (FRANCE), 2018**
RIGHTS SOLD IN: SPAIN (OCÉANO)
TV RIGHTS OPTIONED

**THERE WAS A DAY
WHEN THE WHALES CAME...**

**PICTURE
BOOK**



LITTLE EINSTEIN

MARIATERESA CONTE



LITTLE EINSTEIN DREAMS OF BECOMING A SCIENTIST AND WINNING THE NOBEL PRIZE SOMEDAY.

She finds a tiny egg and thinks that day has come. She keeps it until it hatches and... maybe she will win that Nobel Prize sooner or later!

* The story of an enterprising young girl, showing readers it's important to dream, because big dreams lead to big adventures.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: LAVIERI (ITALY), 2018
RIGHTS SOLD IN: SPAIN (OBELISCO)

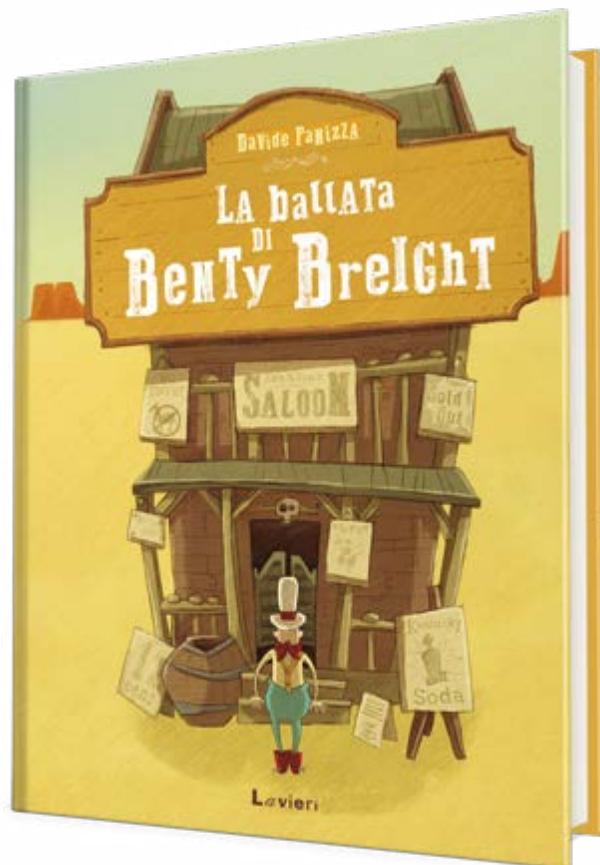


PICTURE BOOK



BENTY BRIGHT'S JIG

DAVIDE PANIZZA



PICTURE
BOOK

BENTY BRIGHT HAS HAD AN
AWFUL DAY AND NEEDS
TWO GLASSES OF KENTUCKY SODA.

So begins the tale of his adventure, which is literally “one number after another”: 11 bandits stole 12 coins from him on Friday the 13th, and his horse sneezed 14 times...

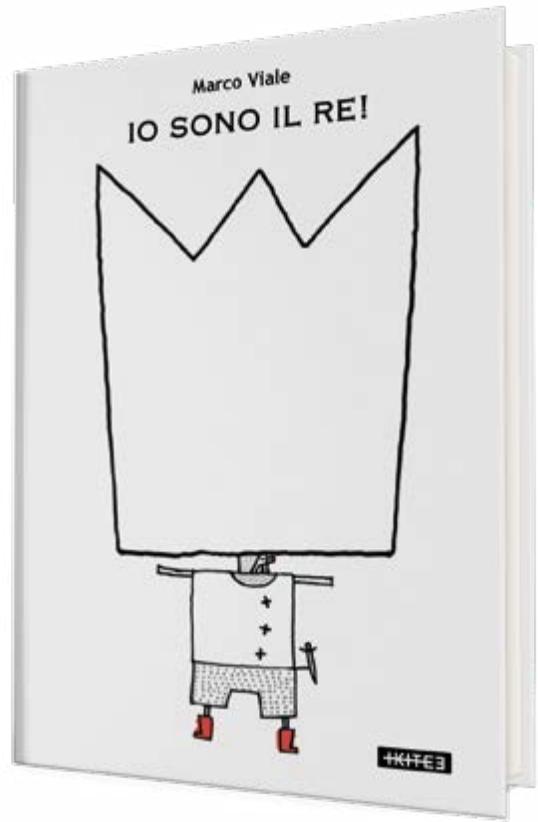
- * A jolly western jig, full of fun and laughs. An entertaining way to introduce young children to numbers.

📖 FIRST PUBLISHER: LAVIERI (ITALY), 2018



I'M THE KING

MARCO VIALE



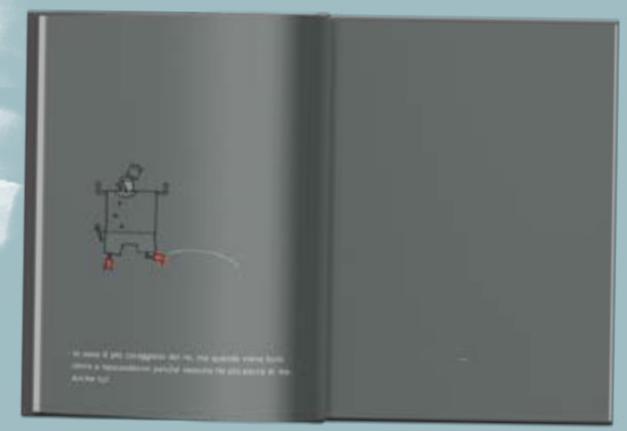
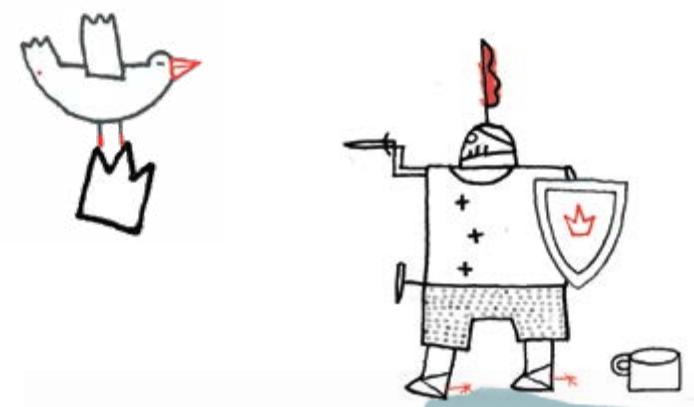
PICTURE BOOK

AN ARROGANT KING SPEAKS TO A MYSTERIOUS LITTLE CREATURE.

He is the king and so he can decide whatever he wants, like making every Thursday Christmas; his castle is so big he has an elephant instead of a cat, owns three crowns and an enormous sword, and is the bravest of all kings... until it gets dark, when he runs off to hide!

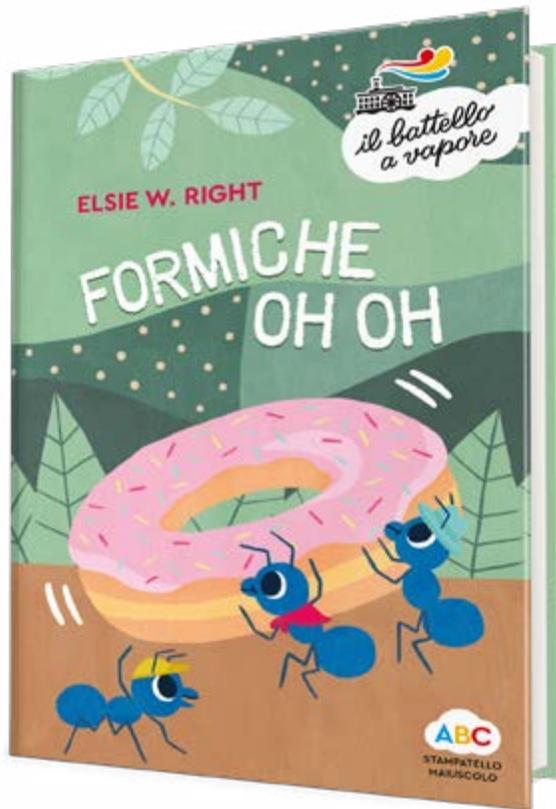
* A tongue-in-cheek, fun book to explain that if we look beyond appearances, we're all the same underneath, with the same fears and weaknesses. And that roles can be reversed when you least expect it.

📖 **FIRST PUBLISHER: KITE (ITALY), 2019**
RIGHTS SOLD IN: FRANCE (A2MIMO), GERMANY (VERLAG FREIES GEISTESLEBE)



OH OH ANTS

ELSIE W. RIGHT & MARTINA TONELLO



PICTURE
BOOK

THE QUEEN OF THE ANTS IS HUNGRY AND SENDS THREE ANTS IN SEARCH OF FOOD

First, they find a crumb, then a big doughnut and even a roast chicken. But oh, won't they be too heavy to carry?

* Sometimes being happy with what you've got can be the solution.

 **FIRST PUBLISHER:** PIEMME (ITALY), 2019





BOOK ON A TREE

BOOK ON A TREE
UNITED KINGDOM
CONNECT WITH US
WWW.BOOKONATREE.COM

Rosamaria Pavan _ Foreign Rights Agent
rosam@bookonatree.com

Lorenzo Rulfo _ General Manager
lorenzo@bookonatree.com

A MERRY BAND OF SCRIBBLERS, AT YOUR SERVICE...

Book on a Tree is a real storytelling agency that works from an imaginary treehouse.

Up in the branches of our tree, our authors and illustrators work as a team, sharing ideas and building collaborative circles with publishers worldwide.

We specialise in fire-breathing dragons, bookcases that creak open into hidden rooms, rebel princesses, magic mirrors, time machines, and just about anything that sparks the imagination of children and young adults.