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HIGHLIGHTS





Author: GIULIA BALDELLI

Title: THE WORDS YOU LEFT ME

(LE PAROLE CHE MI HAI LASCIATO)

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FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

AFTER THE SUCCESS OF *L'ESTATE CHE RESTA*, TRANSLATED INTO GERMANY, SPAIN AND BRAZIL, GIULIA BALDELLI RETURNS WITH A POIGNANT FAMILY NOVEL ABOUT THE FRAGILITY OF ADOLESCENTS, THE VALUE OF MEMORY, THE BOND OF BROTHERHOOD AND THE STRENGTH OF THEIR COMPLICITY.

AN INTIMATE AND POWERFUL NOVEL THAT TELLS OF THE COMPLEXITY OF FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS AND THE UNBREAKABLE BOND BETWEEN BROTHER AND SISTER.

**An emotional journey in search
of truth and answers that only time and forgiveness can bring.**

« I woke up with the echo of her laughter in my heart as if I was the one laughing. Between my lips was a word I had already heard. I was immediately sure of it. It was the last word she had whispered to me in my bed when she was alive.»

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GROW UP IN THIS DISORIENTATED TIME WITHOUT EMOTIONAL HOLDS? WHAT IS A SENTIMENTAL EDUCATION TODAY?

Seventeen-year-old Adriano has an older sister, Betta, who has long held his hand in place of an insecure mother and a father who left home. One night, however, Betta lies down on the tracks and dies under a train. Adriano closes himself off in painful resentment. He hates his father, detests his mother's weakness and goes so far as to despise the memory of his sister, who had long since ceased to be the sunny, determined girl to lean on, but had started using drugs and now left him alone. As everyday life resumes Adriano is only left with a family that has failed. Whose responsibility is this? His father's? His mother's? Or his own? And why did Betta not even leave him a word of farewell?

The search for answers leads him to an unexpected encounter, a woman, who pushes him to find the strength to educate his own wounded heart and the courage to understand what it means for a boy to truly be a brother.

<<'Do you understand, Adriano? We must prepare for the worst.' Even the worst, not even war. Three years later, lying on her bed, without her forever, pierced by memories, fever and a bad sun, I had to admit that she was indeed right. worse, worse.>>

THEY HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT HER DEBUT NOVEL:

“A story of clear writing, with continuous implications of waiting with its differentiated rhythms, thanks also to a rich world that revolves around the three protagonists, with many characters none of which superfluous and indeed well delineated even psychologically”.

Ermanno Paccagnini, La Lettura Corriere della Sera

“As in a long sequence shot, this debut sneaks under the skin and makes us reflect on what has been, on what remains and on what, in order to survive, we had to let go. ”

Marta Cervino, Marie Claire

"The thousand ways in which love dresses up, narrated in a story that does not care about genders and tolerates abandonment". **Io Donna**

“A powerful and unusual story about the essential truth of passion”. **Elle**

“A stylistically mature novel, which tells a reckless and moving love story with many implications”. **Giornale di Brescia, Francesco Mannoni**

Giulia Baldelli was born in Fano, on the Adriatic Sea, in 1979. In 1998 she moved to Bologna, where she obtained a degree in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology. She writes and lives in Bologna, together with her husband and three children. Her debut novel, *L'estate che resta*, is published by Guanda, and has received a rave review and has been finalist at several Literary Awards.



Author: SIMONA BALDELLI

**Title: EVELINA AND THE FAIRIES
(EVELINA E LE FATE)**

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ENGLISH SAMPLE AVAILABLE

AN ASTONISHING NOVEL THAT CONNECTS THE THREADS OF HISTORY TO THOSE OF A LITTLE GIRL'S FANTASY WORLD, ON A FARM IN THE ITALIAN COUNTRYSIDE

MORE THEN 15.000 COPIES SOLD

SHORTLISTED FOR THE CALVINO PRIZE 2012

WINNER OF THE JOHN FANTE PRIZE 2013

TOMORROW NEEDS MEMORY IN ORDER TO EXIST

A fresh, free-flowing novel that has the ability to pull the reader into a parallel dimension despite the fact that the narrative of facts and circumstances belong to painful pages of Italian history: The Second World War, night bombings, starvation, round-ups, displaced persons.

The war rages a few miles from the Gothic Line, in the hills of Pesaro, where Germans and Fascists clash with partisans in the Toscano awaiting the Allied troops. The novel opens with a memorable scene, the arrival of evacuees during the second world war. To Evelina it seems that the souls of the dead are coming out from the snow.

Evelina is only five years old when the first evacuees find shelter in her father's barn, that moment when her life is overwhelmed and the carefreeness of childhood games gives way to the horror of war. But Evelina is protected by two fairies, the dark *Nera* and the cheerful *Scèpa*, and she has a power: she can see the world through the eyes of imagination...

The partisans are camped around the house in the country: their leader, *The Toscan*, has obtained food from Evelina's father, who sympathizes with them. Evelina and her brothers, Sergio and Maria one day find the corpse of a German killed by partisans: *the Black* makes them run away and hide moments before the Germans arrived. In a relentless succession of twists, on the hills behind Pesaro, the last year of the Second World War is filtered through the magic eyes of childhood, and includes Evelina's whole family and the secret of a Jewish girl hidden under a trapdoor in the barn.

Reality and magic mix and intertwine, bringing to life a peasant and fairy world, the tangle of civil war and world war. The dry style, enriched with dialect elements, makes the tale even more vivid: magic words, amulet words, nursery rhymes, opening the door to dream and prophecy.

PRESS REVIEW

«The surprising debut novel by Simona Baldelli is a magic book and not for the presence of the fairies, but for her natural style of writing that manages to blend real life and traditions, suffering and true stories, little moments of joy and absolute agony.» **Alessandra Rota, La Repubblica**

«A magical story, full of tenderness and mystery. A poetic and rhythmic novel, suspended between pain and redemption, between fear and strength that serves to undermine them.» **Paolo Di Paolo, L'Unità**

«A novel that conquers by managing to frame from an undoubtedly original point of view one of the many small individual stories of which the great History is made, understood as the founding moment of our identity: that History that never ceases to fascinate and to ask to be told.» **Gaia Rau, La Repubblica**

«An extraordinarily mature writing, this being a first work, and very expressive - making extensive use of a dialect very similar to that of Fellini's *Amarcord* and *Otto e mezzo*.» **Andrea Carraro**

« Simona Baldelli, a finalist for the 2012 Calvino Prize, refers precisely to Calvino, paying him an obvious homage with this book written with enchanted eyes.» **Massimo Onofri, Avvenire**

Simona Baldelli was born in Pesaro and lives in Rome. Her first novel, *Evelina e le Fate* ("Evelina and the Fairies", 2013) was shortlisted at the **Italo Calvino Prize and won the John Fante Literary Prize in 2013**. She has published *Il Tempo Bambino* ("Child Time", Giunti 2014), *La Vita a Rovescio* ("Life Inside Out", Giunti 2016), *L'Ultimo Spartito di Rossini* ("Rossini's Last Musical Score", Piemme 2018). With Sellerio Editore she has published *Vicolo dell'Immaginario* ("The Alley of Imagination", 2019), *Fiaba di Natale. Il sorprendente viaggio dell'Uomo dell'aria* ("Christmas Fairy Tale. The surprising journey of the Man of the air", 2020) and *Alfonsina e la strada* ("Alfonsina and the road", 2021) **winner of the Memo Geremia City of Padua 2021 Sports Literary Prize**. In 2023 she published *Processo ad Antigone* (People) and *Il pozzo delle bambole* (Sellerio) winner of **the National Literary Prize for Women Writers 2023**.



Author: SIMONA BALDELLI
Title: THE WELL OF DOLLS
(IL POZZO DELLE BAMBOLE)

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Film Rights sold

ALFONSINA AND THE ROAD: Rights sold: Eichborn, Bastei Lübbe (Germany)
EVELINA AND THE FAIRS: Rights sold: Roca Editorial (Spain)

WINNER AT THE NATIONAL LITERARY PRIZE WOMAN WRITERS SAVONA 2023

THE LATEST NOVEL BY THE AUTHOR OF "ALFONSINA AND THE ROAD", A GREAT PUBLIC AND CRITICAL SUCCESS.

A POIGNANT NOVEL ABOUT SOLIDARITY, A SENSE OF BELONGING AND THE STRUGGLE FOR A COMMON PURPOSE

ITALY BETWEEN 1946 AND 1968, THROUGH NINA'S EYES, FROM HER CHILDHOOD IN THE ORPHANAGE TO THE HISTORIC OCCUPATION OF THE LANCIANO TOBACCO FACTORY, WHEN THE TRANSFORMATION OF AN ENTIRE COUNTRY SEEMED POSSIBLE.

"A story of struggle and freedom, a story of women and sisterhood, in the years after the war and then the economic boom, in the poor milieus of mothers who abandoned their children and the factory workers who had to occupy the factories to avoid being fired. (...) A musical writing, which allows one to breathe in the dust of the factory, to smell its odours, to participate in the passing of time. From the Italy of Vajont and the death of Pope John XXIII, to the America of John Fitzgerald Kennedy and the dream of Martin Luther King."

La Repubblica

«Simona Baldelli's style reaches the essence of what cannot be seen, capturing thoughts, desires and frustrations of the characters [...], opening up to visions and fantasies». **Cinzia Lucchelli, IL VENERDÌ DI REPUBBLICA**

THROUGH THE GAZE OF A MEMORABLE CHARACTER, SIMONA BALDELLI RECOUNTS THE ITALY THAT RAN FROM THE RUINS OF THE WAR INTO THE 1960S CHASING THE DREAM OF REDEMPTION.

"From the gloomy atmosphere of an orphanage in the early post-war years to the discovery of the trade union struggle, to the openness at last towards the future of a life that is finally free, to the joyful hope that blossoms in the climate of '68: Simona Baldelli, with "Il pozzo delle bambole" (Sellerio) delivers us a novel with even - but not only - Dickensian tones, confirming the quality and ductility of an author who has been able over time to persuasively measure herself with fantasy on the one hand and narrative non-fiction on the other, while preserving

a high stylistic recognisability, a secret coherence of writing and a non-ideological political passion. Without imposing anything on the reader, but accompanying him into a world, at once real and fabulous, of discovery and knowledge." **Motivation of the National Literary Prize Woman Writers Savona 2023.**

Nina is abandoned at an orphanage in the immediate post-war period. Nuns skim off from the food and the alms, there is a very fine line between discipline and oppression, and corporal and psychological punishments are an integral part of the education system. When Nina turns seven, along comes Lucia, who is her age and doesn't have the thick skin it takes to survive the senseless cruelty of the nuns. Nina feels compelled to defend her. Together with friendship, she discovers the difference between what is fair and what is unfair, while her sense of exclusion intensifies.

Beyond the walls of the institute there is a world to which they don't have access, and where sensational events take place - the birth of television, the revolutionary speech of a black minister, the assassination of J.F. Kennedy, dams that collapse and drag thousands of bodies downstream, the death of the Good Pope. When at eighteen Nina leaves the orphanage, an unexplored continent lies before her. Her life seems to start all over again: she meets new friends, and with them she participates in demonstrations and strikes and in the historical occupation of the great tobacco factory of Lanciano, in May of 1968, that lasted forty days. The girls' personal and sentimental vicissitudes intermingle with public ones; around them, Italy is changing, it seems as if it is leaving behind the darkness of the past, it's discovering consumption and advertising, fashion and the first economy cars, while transistor radios tell a tale of transformation in lifestyle to the rhythm of songs. The soundtrack of what could have been and never was.

The well of dolls encompasses many novels: a coming of age story, about discovering the world little by little; an adventure about boarding schools, institutes, dormitories and kitchens, places where you grow up and change; a historical fresco of the post-war period that is also a story of factories and fights; and above all a novel about women who become conscious, who make mistakes, who move forward and back in a long and difficult struggle that Simona Baldelli describes with rhythm, verisimilitude, attention and sensitivity.

Alfonsina and the road's quotes

Alfonsina Strada's story is a story of sport and determination, of the fight against prejudices, for equality and respect, for the right to do what makes us happy. A story of disobedience learned on two wheels. Read more now than ever". **Tuttolibri, La Stampa**

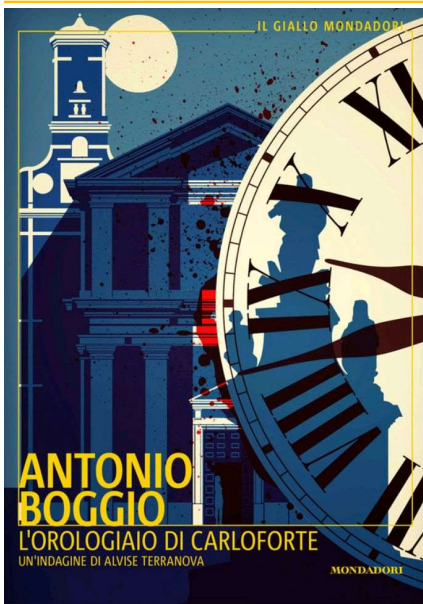
"The *corridora* (the runner in an Italian feminine declination) described with humanity by Simona Baldelli in the magnificent novel *Alfonsina e la strada*, speaks to us about contemporaneity: "I am boundless". Like all women, like all mothers." **Il Sole 24 ore**

"Simona Baldelli does an excellent job of wrapping us in a web of passion and despair, willpower and ringworm, triumphs and thumps." **Il Foglio**

"In 1924, In a Giro without champions they accepted Alfonsina (by removing the final" a "from the name) to revive interest. A character like her: who at 14, just to leave the house, marries a young and mad mechanic who gives her a surname-prophecy, Strada. Her who runs to pay the fee to the asylum. Who does not accepted a medal pinned by the Duce, but by the Tsarina, yes. Her who doesn't cares what people tell her, or worse, what they scream

at her. Her who completes a stage in 21 hours, always in the saddle. "How beautiful you are up there, never get off" Her husband also told her. Only the mad see possibilities where others see obstacles". **Gabriele Romagnoli, La Repubblica**

Simona Baldelli was born in Pesaro and lives in Rome. Her first novel, *Evelina e le Fate* ("Evelina and the Fairies", 2013) was shortlisted at the Italo Calvino Prize and won the John Fante Literary Prize in 2013. She has published *Il Tempo Bambino* ("Child Time", Giunti 2014), *La Vita a Rovescio* ("Life Inside Out", Giunti 2016), *L'Ultimo Spartito di Rossini* ("Rossini's Last Musical Score", Piemme 2018). With Sellerio Editore she has published *Vicolo dell'Immaginario* ("The Alley of Imagination", 2019), *Fiaba di Natale. Il sorprendente viaggio dell'Uomo dell'aria* ("Christmas Fairy Tale. The surprising journey of the Man of the air", 2020) and *Alfonsina e la strada* ("Alfonsina and the road", 2021).



Author: ANTONIO BOGGIO

**Title: THE CARLOFORTE WATCHMAKER
(L'OROLOGIAIO DI CARLOFORTE)**

Pages: 264

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Publication date: 13th May 2025

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MONDADORI LAUNCHES THE SUCCESSFUL SERIES SET ON THE BEAUTIFUL ISLAND OF SAN PIETRO, IN CARLOFORTE, STARRING AN UNFORGETTABLE COMMISSARIO.

“OMICIDIO A CARLOFORTE” AND “DELITTO ALLA BAIJA D'ARGENTO”, THE FIRST TWO ADVENTURES OF THE COMMISSIONER CREATED BY ANTONIO BOGGIO, HAVE SOLD OVER 20.000 COPIES.

Autumn is still mild in Sardinia, but Commissioner Alvisè Terranova has to put aside the lure of the sea and his beloved pomegranates: in Carloforte, the body of Cristian Galileo, a watchmaker and jeweller, has been found dead in his shop. On the surface, it looks like a suicide, and yet... there is something that does not add up. The man's daughter, Speranza, tells of a mysterious meeting the night before the tragedy, when Galileo seemed strangely happy. While the Quaestor pushes to file the case, Alvisè is determined to dig deeper and, fortunately, the Public Prosecutor is on his side.

In the tangle of clues that surface, a disturbing portrait emerges of a man with dark secrets: who was Cristian Galileo really, and what was he hiding in his past? With his innate talent for grasping the detail that eludes everyone, Alvisè will have to find the key to solving the mystery. But even his private life turns out to be an enigma: his relationship with Elisabetta is in turmoil, and this time not even the commissioner's unerring flair seems to be enough.

Antonio Boggio was born in 1982, and grew up in Carloforte, on the island of San Pietro, a small island in the south-west of Sardinia. He currently lives and works in Cagliari. His first two novels, *Omicidio a Carloforte* and *Delitto alla Baia d'Argento*, starring Alvisè Terranova were published by Piemme in 2022 and 2023.



Author: ANNA BONACINA
Title: THE SUMMER WHEN STRAWBERRIES BLOOMED
(L'ESTATE IN CUI FIORIRONO LE FRAGOLE)

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THE SECOND NOVEL SETS IN TIGLIOBIANCO "AUTUMN MAGIC"
WILL BE RELEASED IN ITALY ON 2026.

ENGLISH SAMPLE AVAILABLE
DETAILED ENGLISH SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE
FRENCH FULL TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

«These were the things that made her happy: to imagine extraordinary things behind the most unexpected ones.»

**AN IRONIC AND BRILLIANT COMEDY.
THE STORY OF A BESTSELLING AUTHOR TANGLED UP IN A ROMANCE NOVEL CLICHÉ.**

PRISCILLA, IN A CRISIS OF INSPIRATION, TAKES REFUGE IN TIGLIOBIANCO, A TINY VILLAGE OF 40 SOULS, TO CALL IT QUITS WITH LOVE AND THE PROTAGONIST OF HER NOVELS. BUT VERY SOON SHE DISCOVERS IN HORROR THAT SHE HAS BEEN STRUCK BY LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, AND SHE FINDS HERSELF TANGLED UP IN A REAL ROMANCE NOVEL CLICHÉ.

«It happens to those who grow up surrounded by stories, that they cannot get out and end up creating a tiny and sheltered world, protected from reality. An Alice who had never come back from Wonderland. This was Priscilla. Hurt by real life, she had found refuge in the imagined one and she had curled up there, in the blank spaces between words. Where she was safe.»

It seems a summer like many others in the small village of Tigliobianco: the old ladies poke their nose in everyone's business, the children run wild, the ladies from the Book Club annoy the librarian... But then Villa Edera, the Victorian dwelling at the edge of the village, is rented for a couple weeks to Priscilla Greenwood, a romance novel author of great success in a crisis of inspiration, who is looking for calmness and anonymity to find a way of getting rid of Calliope of the Topaz, her cheesy and fiery

protagonist. Things in Tigliobianco, however, don't go as Priscilla planned: gossips at war, disappeared cats, young girls who want to become detectives, smuggled letters, a mythical recipe notebook, lost for years, that contains the secret to the most delicious cake in the world, the Supreme, not to mention the Strawberry Competition, that takes place every year on the last Sunday of July and where the whole village competes with strawberry cakes. And Cesare Burello, the plastic surgeon on holiday in his home town... That's how Priscilla finds herself tangled up in a real romance novel cliché. What should she do? Run or give a chance to Cesare who looks like a carbon copy of Roger MacMillan, the charming protagonist of the Harmony novel she wrote? Between nighttime picnics, conspiracies and an exquisitely literary treasure hunt, Priscilla will have to deal with the question that has been tormenting her forever: is it true that real life can't be like a novel? And meanwhile, what happened to the legendary recipe of the Supreme, the most delicious cake in the world, disappeared into thin air thirty years before, and to which Cesare's fate seems connected?

An ironic and amusing novel, halfway between a fairy tale and a comedy. With *The summer when strawberries bloomed* the author is capable of creating, with a light and ironic touch, a human community filled with original and extravagant characters.

Anna Bonacina was born in a small town in Friuli Venezia Giulia, and then became a librarian in Udine. So she loves to read stories, and sometimes to write them. She writes articles on children's literature for the magazine "Il Pepeverde" and novellas for the magazine "Intimità". Her short story with the title *L'amore è un airone azzurro* ("Love is a light blue heron") was selected among the finalists of the prize "Leggi scrivi Eataly" organized by Eataly and Scuola Holden and was published in the book by the same title. The second novel sets in Tigliobianco, will be released on 2026 by Sperling & Kupfer.

Author: ANNA BONACINA

Title: AUTUMN MAGIC

(MAGIE D'AUTUNNO)

First Publisher: Sperling & Kupfer

Publication date: May 2026

Pag. 250

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AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS OF "THE SUMMER WHEN STRAWBERRIES BLOOMED", THE SMALL TIGLIOBIANCO VILLAGE RETURNS TO BE THE SETTING FOR A NEW BRILLIANT AND IRRESISTIBLE COMEDY!

L'estate in cui fiorirono le fragole (2023) - Rights sold: Bastei Lübbe - auction (Germany), La belle Etoile - Hachette – two-book pre-empt deal (France) - Vulkan Izdavaštvo (Serbia), Publishing house «Eksmo» (Russia), Bata Press (Macedonia).

The church is packed, Penelope's funeral is in progress, the whole village attends the religious ceremony. It is early October, Tigliobianco is bathed in the colours of autumn and so, naturally, is Villa Edera, which is an explosion of red and yellow.

The question the inhabitants ask themselves is: in the absence of heirs (of whom no one has ever heard) what will happen to Penelope's house?

Ferdinando, the mayor, is convinced that, in the absence of heirs, the property could pass by right to the municipality and starts planning the construction of a large supermarket.

In those same days, Villa Edera is rented by surprise by three women who intend to spend a month away from the hectic life of their city to dedicate themselves to meditation, mindfulness and yoga. They are Flora, Fiona and Frida, all in their seventies, and with them arrives Flora's niece, Azzurra, a woman in her thirties who takes advantage of her aunt's retreat to take a break herself from a job that was not what she expected. Azzurra is a perfumer, has a magical nose and a special talent, but the job for a large French perfume house is distressing her not a little.

The three slightly witchy women are causing the children in Tigliobianco to quiver in excitement and frighten little Margherita, to whom, quite by chance, Virginia, the babysitter, has recently told the fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel in great detail.

Agata, too, is not the usual Agata: during the last months of Penelope's life, this enterprising 12-year-old with a burning passion for Agatha Christie and sleuthing had formed a strong bond with her, and her death, though natural, left her a little shaken, much to the concern of Rachele, her mother.

The new guests, with their oddities, wreak great havoc among the villagers, but they also have a great fascination for the adults and children of Tigliobianco, and indeed some of the villagers soon join in their activities. Among those who begin to converge around the three women guests of Villa Edera will also be Laura, one of the ladies of the Tigliobianco Book Club, who, after last summer's misadventures, begins to have doubts about Irene's leadership within the Club.

There is news for Irene, too: her sister Erica, even more wicked than her, has decided to visit her in Tigliobianco. Erica has started a very fine housewares shop in town, but it is now in a bit of a crisis and is in danger of closing down.

So, amidst sun salutations and children's fantasies about the guests, Penelope's heir apparent arrives unexpectedly. Maximillian is a super-starred chef who owns a restaurant in Taipei, but to tell the truth, he doesn't really know what to do with the home of the great-aunt he never knew, in that remote village. His trip to Tigliobianco is therefore aimed at quickly dealing with the bureaucratic formalities and leaving. But when the house is finally opened, and there is something surprising inside, all plans are upset. Penelope has over the years decorated with a hidden code.

So, among the various characters who have converged on Tigliobianco, there are those who try to decode that secret code, but also those who, like Erica, Irene's sister, see in Penelope's candles the chance to get her shop off to a great start again and snatch Maximillian's promise to give them to her, at a time when he is totally absorbed in other things. Being also a very handsome man, Erica does not rule out being able to take him away as well.

Maximillian, too, is obliged to stay in the village for a few days to deal with the inheritance, and so, while sitting on one of the benches in the square to postpone his flight and organise the restaurant during his absence, he meets Azzurra with whom he ends up befriending immediately, discovering that they share almost the same gift: one for taste and the other for smell.

Of course, the friendship and shared talent will turn into love little by little. They are both artists and the attraction will be, as it should be, a real thunderbolt.

Azzurra, on seeing Penelope's candles, becomes bewitched by them and wonders if by chance they could not be scented and Maximillian decides to leave one for her to try out. The result is extraordinary and during a dinner together they realise that the scent of the candle can intersect with the chef's food and be made even more precious and refined by Penelope's ceramics. Of course, the man has completely forgotten that he had promised the candles as a gift to Erica who, on discovering that Azzurra is working on it and that something is brewing between the two, becomes furious and plans a plan.

Azzurra and Maximillian, despite the fact that they are now in love, knowing that they live so far apart, decide at first to painfully renounce their love affair.

Erica, filled with rage because she had set her eyes on both the candles and Maximillian, decides to go get them and treacherously take them away: had they not already been promised to her, after all? Those who search for Penelope's candles, those who want to convince others that love once found cannot be let go, those who lose sleep to decode the secret code of the rediscovered ceramics, those who do not give up trying to make a profit from Penelope's cottage, those who finally overcome their fear of witches, those who, thanks to yoga and meditation, understand that instead of prevailing over others, one is at peace only if in harmony with the world around one, those who will decide to stay in the small village forever, those who will leave with a profoundly renewed soul.

Autumn is coming to an end and in Tigliobianco by now the whole village has discovered the subtle effects of yoga, so it will be difficult to turn back.

The novel closes on 31 October with a Halloween party in the small village square, during which the community of Tigliobianco, together with the extraordinary guests of the season, will put an end to this new magical existential adventure. But before the end, secrets, hopes, repentances and new projects will be revealed, as the credits roll.

Anna Bonacina was born in Friuli and then became a librarian in Udine. So, she loves to read the stories and sometimes write them. He wrote articles on children's literature for the magazine "Il Pepeverde" and novels for the magazine "Intimità". His story entitled Love is a blue heron was chosen among the finalists of the "Read Write Eataly" prize organized by Eataly and the Scuola Holden and was published in the homonymous book. His debut novel, *The Summer Strawberries Bloomed* (2023) is being translated into Germany, France, Russia and Serbia.



Author: DARIO BUZZOLAN

**Title: THE BLUE HOUSE
(BARACCA E BURATTINI)**

Pages: 350

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Publication date: 4th February 2025

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***The Blue house* (Baracca e burattini) by Dario Buzzolan
for the Premio Strega 2025
proposed by Massimo Gramellini**

A FAMILY NOVEL THAT WINDS ITS WAY FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR TO THE PRESENT DAY, THREE GENERATIONS THROUGH SIX NARRATIVE VOICES, WHICH TAKE TURNS INTEGRATING, PASSING THE BATON, RECTIFYING, CONTRADICTING EACH OTHER, TRYING TO SHED LIGHT ON FAMILY SECRETS.

FROM GRANDFATHER ERMES ONWARDS, WHO LIVES GUARDING A HEARTBREAKING SECRET, NO ONE REALLY KNOWS HOW TO STAY WHERE THEY ARE, NO ONE KNOWS HOW TO KEEP THE PEOPLE THEY HAVE LOVED OR WHAT THEY HAVE BUILT, ALMOST AS IF IT WERE A SENTENCE HANDED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.

AS IN THE GREAT FILMS, THE SAFE HARBOR AROUND WHICH GENERATIONS COME AND GO IS A HOUSE, THE BLUE HOUSE.

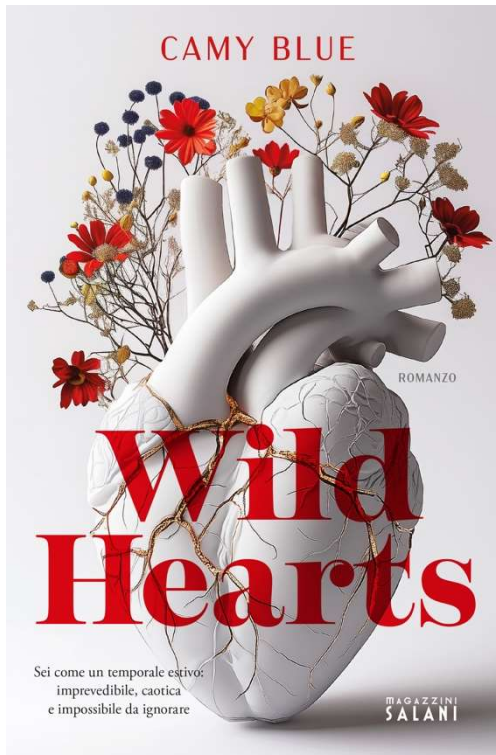
“From the Resistance to the economic boom, from the 1970s to the present day, Dario Buzzolan's characters - not mere plot ‘functions’, but real people whose emotions it seems possible, page after page, to feel - traverse the century, its dreams, its ideas, its horrors, continually moving away from their centre and continually attempting a return that only one of them will be allowed to make.

There is, however, a place capable of attracting them with constancy, a sort of camp-base, but one that is located on the seashore: the ‘Blue House’, born in the 1930s as a shack and grown over time to become a welcoming home. It is she - an authentic living character - the witness of all their choices, loves, clashes, generosity and miseries. Above all, she is the guardian - very jealous - of the secret that has damned the entire family and that, at the same time, could redeem them.” **Massimo Gramellini**

Elle is an actress with conviction and with equal conviction depends on psychotropic substances. Behind her is the story of a family that stretches from World War II to our present. From grandfather Ermes onward one destiny: that which breaks, which consumes, which

shatters. No one really knows how to stay (metaphorically, no) where they are, and indeed the expression “shacking up” recurs from generation to generation. No one knows how to keep the people they have loved or what they have built. All the more so Elle's father, Ranieri, who believes as a doctor that he can lift the terminally ill out of pain and life and finds himself at the center of a media campaign that, over time, debases him (“the doctor who wanted to play God”) and exposes him to dangerous relationships. The one place that episodically attracts the three generations is the Blue House, a hut by the sea that, over time, has become a refuge, a studio, a residence. Around the Blue House revolve the unspoken and the dark of the family, and it is there that with effort but also with determination one is able to illuminate the trail of violence, abandonment and rebirth that Elle is still serving on her skin.

Dario Buzzolan is a writer, playwright and television author. Born in Turin on October 12, 1966, he graduated in theoretical philosophy with Gianni Vattimo, with a thesis on Georges Bataille's Eroticism. His first novel, *Dall'altra parte degli occhi* (Mursia) won **the Calvino Prize** in 1998; he later published *Non dimenticarti di respirare* (Mursia 2000), translated in France at Lattès, *Tutto brucia* (Garzanti 2003), *Favola dei due che divennero uno* (Baldini Castoldi Dalai 2007) and *I nostri occhi sporchi di terra* (Baldini Castoldi Dalai 2009), a finalist for the 2009 Strega Prize. Following are *Se trovo il coraggio* (Fandango Libri 2013), *Malapianta* (Baldini e Castoldi 2016), *La vita degna* (Manni 2018), *In Verità* (Mondadori 2020) and *Perché non sanno* (Mondadori 2022). He is the author of the first Italian translation of Mark Twain's *Following The Equator* (Seguendo l'equatore, B.C. Dalai Editore, 2010). Since 2015 he has been a member of the “Amici della Domenica” the historical jury of the Strega Prize. Among his most recent television collaborations, he is the author of the program hosted by Bianca Berlinguer *È sempre Cartabianca* on Rete 4. He was chief author of *The Words of the Week* (2017-20), by Massimo Gramellini, and of Michele Santoro's *M* (with whom he conceived the program's format, 2017-2018). In 2010 he was among the creators of *Agora*, Rai 3's current affairs and politics daily, for which he was chief author until 2017. He has written plays (including *Visita dell'uomo grigio*, produced in 2001 by the Teatro Stabile di Torino, and *Target*, staged at the Nice European Theater Festival in 1999), an opera libretto for Lucio Gregoretti (*Apocalypse of Alexander*) and numerous short films, which he has also directed (among others, *Franz Kafka. In the penal colony*, a finalist for the 1999 Riccione TTV award). He is film critic, he co-directed the Bellaria Anteprema Festival for two years (1997-99, with Mario Sesti), and between 2008 and 2011 he was a consultant and selector for the Rome International Film Festival (“Extra” section).



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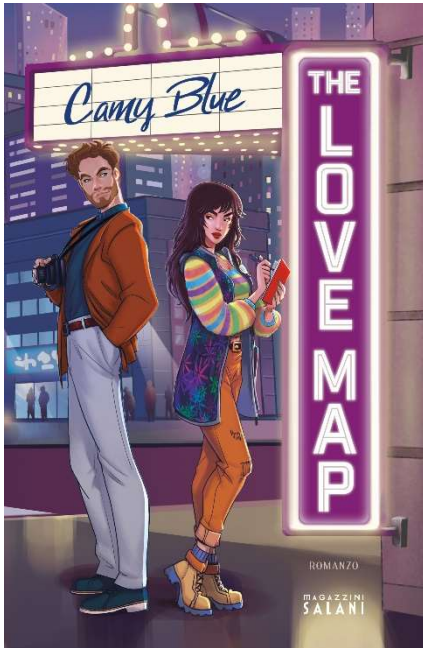
AFTER THEIR BREAK-UP, THEY NEVER SPOKE TO EACH OTHER AGAIN. NOW THEY ARE FORCED TO LIVE TOGETHER AND COLLABORATE ON AN ECOLOGICAL PROJECT, BUT FINDING EACH

OTHER AGAIN REAWAKENS EVERYTHING THAT NEITHER OF THEM HAD FORGOTTEN.

Sarah Sheridan is twenty-three years old and completely broke. She broke up with her ex-boyfriend after discovering an affair, was thrown out of the house and has only one choice in front of her: go back to her mother, an eccentric writer of romance novels, or take a job as a video maker for an environmental organisation that has just launched a major project aimed at the ecological preservation of American lakes. Making wildlife and nature videos is not Sarah's dream. She loves fashion and would like to work on making commercials for famous brands' advertising campaigns, yet she decides to accept. She lands in Montana, in a remote town called Whitefish, surrounded by wild mountains and breathtaking scenery. Upon arrival, she discovers something unexpected: the roommate with whom she will have to share the cottage is an old acquaintance of hers. Alexander Donovan, the marine biologist who will be in charge of scientific research and monitoring in Glacier National Park, was Sarah's first love and broke her heart. Both have already signed the contract; they cannot escape it. There are many stipulations: strictly adhering to deadlines. To keep the data collected and the material produced confidential. To share the cottage with another person. And, above all, not to enter into any romantic relationship between the members of the same team, since being forced to cohabit would jeopardise the performance of the work. They are therefore forced to live together, but finding each other again awakens everything that neither of them has ever forgotten and they find themselves drawn together like two magnets. The project deadline is approaching and they are contractually not even allowed to be in a relationship, so they are forced to keep it a secret when Bethany, the manager in charge of supervising their part of the job, arrives at the lake. Between lies and truths being revealed, Sarah and Alex will have to fight to have their relationship accepted. When the choice is between living their love or relegating it to a summer passion, between staying or leaving, things get even more complicated. The summer ends: Sarah is heading to Paris to pursue her dream as a fashion video maker, Alexander on the other hand receives a proposal from EarthEcho to fly to Alaska to follow another environmental project of theirs.

They will then have to choose whether to separate or fight to live their love.

Camy Blue is the pseudonym of an Italian author, her first novel *The stars make no noise* has sold almost 20.000 copies with 8 reprints in eight months, *The love map* has sold 15.000 copies, both of them have been optioned for a tv/series.



Author: CAMY BLUE
Title: THE LOVE MAP

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THREE REPRINTS AFTER TWO MONTHS!

**A FRESH, NEW VOICE DIRECTLY FROM WATTPAD,
 THE PLATFORM THAT LAUNCHED THE BEST DARK
 AND NEW ADULT ROMANCE DEBUTS**

**AN AUTHOR WHOSE DEBUT NOVEL, “LE STELLE NON FANNO RUMORE”, HAS
 ALREADY SOLD ALMOST 20,000 COPIES AND HAD 8 REPRINTS IN 8 MONTHS.**

**TWO SWORN ENEMIES. A GUIDE TO WRITE.
 SWEET AS A MAGNOLIA BAKERY CUPCAKE, SPARKLING AS FIFTH AVENUE,
 LOVE WILL SURPRISE THEM ALONG THE WAY**

**A story set in New York, full of cinematic suggestions and pop culture references for
 Millennials and Gen Z.**

Grace is a tornado of colour, has a sharp tongue and hates everything romantic since her ex-boyfriend broke her heart. She writes for a fashion magazine, but hates the column she is forced to edit and dreams instead of being able to script her first film. Matthew is a literature professor who has just been fired from Columbia and has to invent a new job using his skill with photography. That is how the two find themselves working together: they have to write a tourist guide to New York, along the lines of romantic comedies set in the Big Apple. He shoots the pictures, she edits the texts, hunting for descriptions that make readers' hearts flutter. If it weren't for the fact that Grace and Matthew already know each other, if it weren't for the fact that they hate each other's guts, if it weren't for the fact that, one quarrel after another, the attraction between them will skyrocket and they will have to fight it with all their might...

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Title: THE STARS MAKE NO NOISE
(LE STELLE NON FANNO RUMORE)
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EIGHT REPRINTS IN 8 MONTHS!
MORE THAN 20.000 COPIES SOLD

THE LINE BETWEEN FICTION AND REALITY IS VERY THIN, A DECEPTION BECOMES PLAY AND TURNS INTO FEELING.

A NOVEL THAT WILL MAKE THE HEART FLUTTER. TWO VERY DISTANT WORLDS, THE NEED TO FEEL UNDERSTOOD, A PAINFUL PAST OVERBEARINGLY SURFACING.

Arianna has just graduated from high school with honors, yet her passion for science subjects will do her no good. Forced to juggle several jobs to make ends meet, Arianna lives in the Roman suburbs with her father Mauro, after her mother abandoned them, and puts up with their excesses and shortcomings. She has locked her dream of becoming a zoologist in a drawer; for relationships she has no time and especially no trust. Mattia, aka Gelo, is 30 years old and has risen to the top of the Italian music charts thanks to the bars of his rap songs. Addicted to success, he hides a stormy past behind a shell of arrogance, conceit, casual relationships with one-night stands. Dragged by her best friend to a concert, Arianna meets Mattia in the worst way: by surprising him in the dressing room while he is having sex with a fan. What neither of them imagines, as they argue to the tune of insults, is that Arianna will soon end up as a waitress at Wonderland, Mattia's manager's club, and the two will be forced to see each other very often. Until, in order to combat the gossip about the rapper, his excesses of rage and his stormy romantic history, Vittorio, Gelo's manager, decides to concoct the craziest of set-ups: Arianna and Mattia will have to pretend to be engaged. Between artfully arranged dates, bickering, and irresistible attraction, the two will have to make Mattia's fans and public opinion believe that they are experiencing the most overwhelming of romances, but without actually falling in love, because Arianna has signed a contract expressly forbidding them to do so. She will have to be his fake girlfriend until the release of Gelo's new record and then disappear from his life with a handsome reward in her pocket. Will it only be fiction, though? Will they both be ready to face the wounds of the past? For it is precisely the past that comes back to ruin their feeling, born in secret from everything and everyone. Arianna will have to deal with her father's debts and the threats of a loan shark who haunts them. Mattia will have to face the ghost of Pietro, his younger brother who died of an overdose, and the drug dealer who has just been released from prison to return to blackmail him. They will then be forced to fight for their love and happiness.

Camy Blue is the pseudonym of an Italian author.



Author: FRANCESCO CARINGELLA
Title: WAITING FOR THE DAWN
(L'ATTESA DELL'ALBA)

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IS IT RIGHT TO BREAK THE LAW WHEN THE LAW SEEMS UNJUST TO US?

WHAT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO? WHAT WAS THE IMPULSE TO LISTEN? WAS HE TO ACT AS A LAWYER OR AS A MAN? CONSCIENCE AND LAW, THE USUAL DILEMMA BETWEEN ETHICS AND LAW. BUT IN THAT VERY PARTICULAR CASE, WERE THINGS REALLY SO DIFFERENT? WHEN IT COMES TO THE DEATH WISH OF A SUFFERING PERSON, CAN THERE BE A LAW OTHER THAN CONSCIENCE?

Despite many years in and out of courtrooms, Filippo Santini is still convinced that justice is fever, desire, hunger, humanity. After all, if after graduating he decided to become a criminal lawyer, disappointing his cumbersome father Giovanni who wanted him to be a magistrate, it is because this is the only way he can be close to the only real protagonists of judicial events, the defendants. It does not even matter if they are innocent or guilty: each of them is the bearer of a unique story, and must be defended tooth and nail, because when you fight for your life, only the result counts. Filippo is not interested in morals: right and wrong is not his business, only the legitimate and the illegitimate. Everything changes when Sandra enters his office: fragile and beautiful, she tells him that five years earlier her beloved husband Alberto was run over by a hit-and-run driver, and since that day he has lived confined to a bed, dependent on others for everything. Now Alberto wants to die, and Sandra, with a shattered heart, has resigned herself to accept it.

Filippo chills: the lawyer in him cries out to stay away from such a thorny case, but a deeper part thinks otherwise... a deeper part that will soon be forced to ask whether life is a right or a duty, and what we are willing to do after answering that question. Francesco Caringella puts all his lucid knowledge of the eternal confrontation between Justice and Law at the service of a story about the most poignant and deeply human of dilemmas: life, and the right to give it up.

Francesco Caringella, a former police commissioner and criminal magistrate in Milan during “Mani Pulite” investigation, is president of a section of the Council of State. For Mondadori he published *La corruzione spuzza. All the effects on our daily lives of the disease that threatens to kill Italy* (2017), *10 Lessons on Justice for Curious and Perplexed Citizens* (2017), *Corruption Explained to Kids Who Care About the Future of Their Country* (2018). He is also the author of *Non sono un assassino* (Newton Compton, 2015), from which the film of the same name starring Riccardo Scamarcio was made, and two trial fiction *L'estate di Garlasco* (2019) and *Il delitto della dolce vita* (2020), both published by Mondadori in the collection Strade Blu. Again, by Mondadori, he has published two procedural detective stories starring Judge Virginia Della Valle, *Oltre ogni ragionevole dubbio* and *La migliore bugia*, both published in Giallo Mondadori and optioned for Tv movie series.



Author: GIACINTA CAVAGNA
Title: A MILLION STAIRS - THE GIRLS OF THE RINASCENTE
 (UN MILIONE DI SCALE - LE RAGAZZE DELLA RINASCENTE)

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La fabbrica delle Tuse. Le ragazze del cioccolato (2023): **Rights sold:** Hoffman und Campe (Germany), Harper Collins (France).

A GREAT NOVEL DEDICATED TO ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS PLACES OF WORSHIP IN ITALY AND THE WORLD, LA RINASCENTE. AN ADVENTUROUS HUMAN AND

ENTREPRENEURIAL STORY, A SPLENDID AND DOCUMENTED FRESCO OF ITALY BETWEEN THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES. A DREAM COME TRUE

In the beginning it was just a small dream, that of brothers Ferdinando and Luigi Bocconi. The dream of a real shop in industrious Milan, close to but also a long way from their hometown of Lodi, where their father had been a travelling salesman for years. After a rather disappointing debut in 1865 - the Bocconi brothers' innovative idea of "beautifully made" clothes, as they were called with a good dose of derision by the neighbouring shopkeepers, was not immediately liked - the brothers had seen their department store become a symbol for the city that had welcomed them. La Rinascente, as it was to be renamed in 1917 by Gabriele D'Annunzio, is not just a shop, it is the place where desires can come true, on whose shelves you can find everything you are looking for and even what you didn't know you wanted: from fine fabrics to the most modern toys, from household products to the most avant-garde furniture. At La Rinascente you don't sell objects, you fulfil people's dreams. And, despite changes of ownership, changes of name, changes of style, the love of the Milanese for La Rinascente remains unchanged. Not least because, in every historical and social season, the vast halls and splendid shop windows have adapted to the needs of the city: it was a hospital during the world wars, home economics courses were organised there during periods of autarchy and sanctions, it housed precious paintings from the Brera Art Gallery, and launched some of the most famous advertisers and illustrators of our time. La Rinascente is not only in step with the times, but has always created the style and spirit of the times.

And it is precisely on the wide stairs of La Rinascente that Bice, Eleonora and Cristina, grandmother, mother and daughter, move industriously: three generations of women who, through their work within those historic and luxurious walls, would build their lives as

seamstresses, shop assistants and graphic designers, dreaming and, perhaps, seeing a better future come true.

HAVE SAID ABOUT “LA FABBRICA DELLE TUSE”:

«Scrolling through the delightful pages of *La fabbrica delle tuse* one naturally feels admiration for the author's ability to bring to life a world, that of Milan between the 1920s and the end of the 1940s, of great charm and value».

Il Corriere della Sera

«Masterfully reconstructed industrial epic in a highly effective debut novel».

La Repubblica

«*La fabbrica delle tuse*, by Giacinta Cavagna di Gualdana, is an enthralling novel that is also a true story every page exudes the scent of cocoa and makes one fall in love with its protagonists. A book that sets an example».

Io Donna

Giacinta Cavagna di Gualdana is an art historian, lecturer at the University of Milan, and conducts research on 20th-century decorative arts. She collaborates with the MIDeC in Cerro di Laveno Mombello as curator. Fascinated by Milan's history, she organises guided tours to discover the city and its masterpieces through unusual itineraries. After years of study and research, she has published several books dedicated to her city. *La fabbrica delle tuse*, her debut novel, was a great success, it has sold more than 20.000 copies.



Author: GIACINTA CAVAGNA DI GUALDANA
Title: THE FACTORY OF THE TUSE. THE CHOCOLATE GIRLS.
(**LA FABBRICA DELLE TUSE. LE RAGAZZE DEL CIOCCOLATO**)

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FOUR REPRINTS IN FIVE MONTHS,
MORE THAN 20.000 COPIES SOLD!

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**ONE THE OLDEST CHOCOLATE FACTORIES IN MILAN.
A WOMAN, OLGA ZANI, WHO WITH DIFFICULTY AND OBSTINACY WAS ABLE TO MAKE
HER AND HER HUSBAND'S DREAM COME TRUE.**

**A MULTITUDE OF GIRLS, THE "TUSE", WHO, WITHIN THE WALLS OF THE FACTORY,
FOUND A FAMILY AND A POSSIBILITY OF REDEMPTION.**

**IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING MILAN, ABSORBED BY THE REGIME, A DETERMINED AND
AFFECTIONATE WOMAN, PIONEER OF FEMALE ENTREPRENEURSHIP, MANAGES TO
DEAL WITH DELICATE AND DANGEROUS SITUATIONS ALWAYS SHOWING GREAT
COURAGE.**

A COMPELLING FAMILY SAGA OF THE 19th CENTURY

**The intertwined destinies of a businesswoman ahead of her time and her workers, the
employees of the chocolate factory.**

«The conches are still in operation, and make the rolls shake: the cocoa slowly mixes with the sugar. There isn't much to mix, but the scent is strong and inebriating. The tusa walks by the machine as she heads toward her position, and she closes her eyes to savor all its intensity. The war is over and Zaini is back!»

“There are no sacrifices when you love“. It is with these words that Olga Torri agrees to become Luigi Zaini's wife and mother of his two children, Piero and Rosetta, who have recently lost their mother. Luigi is a kind and discreet man with a big dream, a chocolate factory in Milan. And Olga falls in love with his kindness and chocolate scent, as well as with the dream of a company like Zaini, that she immediately makes her own. Between conches and mixers, roasting and cooling machines and tables of wrappers, the factory grows, expands - as does the family where Luisa and Vittorio arrive - and experiments with new and original products; but it especially becomes a point of reference for its workers, the shop boys and the many tuse, “girls” in Milanese dialect, fundamental and tireless workers who, with their cold hands, don't melt the chocolate. They are Ernestina, Ines, Emilia and many other young women who, with their dreams and fragilities, accompany the life of the factory and dedicate their destiny to it. Zaini is a family and, like a

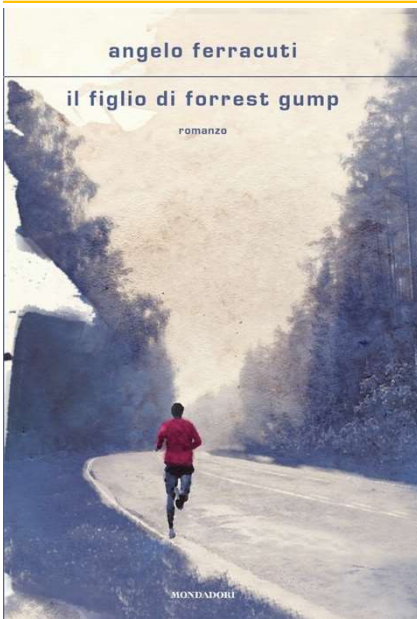
family, when Luigi dies prematurely in 1938, it stands beside Olga, who shows such courage and strength she herself is surprised. These are dramatic years, but among the rationing and autarchy, racial laws and bombs on Milan, that will hit Zaini hard as well, this little big company will manage to survive, to cherish the teachings of its founder and to keep on spreading the intense scent of its chocolate on the streets.

Giacinta Cavagna di Gualdana, through the fascinating and particularly humane story of a family and a factory, narrates half a century of the history of Milan, with the watchful eye of the art historian and the eyes of someone who deeply loves their city. An exciting novel on the resilience of women, on their capacity to lead a company and a family, in a period when Italy is going through war and so many dramatic changes.

An incredible story of female entrepreneurship, a compelling novel on the resilience of women, on their capacity to lead a company and a family, in a period when Italy is going through dramatic changes.

The story: Milan, 1923. The novel tells the story of one of the oldest chocolate factories in Milan, where the first blocks (chocolate bars) are wrapped in the workshop in Via De Cristoforis 6, opened by Luigi Zaini. From the 'Fabbrica di cioccolato, cacao, caramelle, confetture e affini' (Factory of chocolate, cocoa, candies, jams and similar) come the first chocolates, the first candies and the very first *Boeri*, until then imported. The world is greedy and success is quick. Production is constantly growing and space is soon too tight. In the mid-1920s, it was decided to move the factories to Dergano, a few steps away from Carlo Erba and Fernet Branca. In 1924, Luigi, a widower with two children, Piero and Rosetta, marries Olga Torri and soon Vittorio and Elisa are born, and with them arrives Emilia, who from then on helps the family and looks after the children. Emilia has a weakness for sweets: she never misses an opportunity to slip into the kitchen and experiment with some new recipe. The traditional Blocco Emilia, which can still be found on supermarket shelves today, is dedicated to the nanny. Suddenly the founder dies. It is 1938: the winds of war begin to blow heavily. On the death of her husband, Olga, not without worries and concerns, decides to take the reins of the family business and become director. Around her, the historical context becomes increasingly difficult and her choice to surround herself with female collaborators - both at home with the nanny Emilia and the cook Noemi, and in the factory with Ines as head of the commercial department and Clelia in administration, and giving work to many specialised female workers at the machines - will appear even stronger and more countercultural. In fact, the company will be nicknamed '*la fabbrica delle tuse*' (in Milanese dialect '*beautiful girls*') by all the local residents and not only them. During the Second World War, as the bombing of the city becomes more and more massive, worried for the safety of her family and employees, Olga decided to close the factory and leave the city: overnight she buys a house in Varese, where she will evacuate with her children and her closest employees. Zaini is destroyed, only the main walls remain. Olga does not lose heart and in a few months manages to rebuild everything; the workers leave cocoa and aromas for bricks and cement: it is they who are hired as bricklayers by the construction company, founded for the occasion. The adventure can continue and they start again from the Block, that old recipe - always a secret - that has won over entire generations. Olga runs the company until the mid-1950s when she hands the baton over to her two sons: Vittorio, appointed director, and Piero, in charge of foreign relations: he is "Uncle Piero», who writes the chocolate recipes to be put on the Block Emilia wrapping.

Giacinta Cavagna di Gualdana, an art historian and assistant at the University of Milan, conducts research on 20th century ceramics. Fascinated by the history of Milan, since 2010 she has been curating guided tours, both for adults and children, to discover the city and its masterpieces, through unusual itineraries. "*The factory of the Tuse*" is her debut novel.



Author: ANGELO FERRACUTI
Title: THE SON OF FORREST GUMP
(IL FIGLIO DI FORREST GUMP)

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***The Son of Forrest Gump* by Angelo Ferracuti**
for the Premio Strega 2025
proposed by [Lorenzo Pavolini](#)

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THE EPIC OF RUNNING, THE EPIC OF CHALLENGES, THE EPIC OF THE POLITICAL BATTLES OF THE 1970S: A FATHER AND SON CONFRONT EACH OTHER ON THE ROADS OF THE WORLD, TO TELL US WHAT THE DREAMS THAT KEEP US BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE MADE OF.

“HE WAS THE FORCE OF NATURE, THE INVINCIBLE, A KIND OF SUPERHERO AS I SAW HIM AS A BOY WHEN HE COMBED HIS HAIR WITH GREASE OR SHAVED WITH AN ELECTRIC RAZOR, HIS SCULPTED MUSCLES, THOSE INTENSE BLUE EYES THAT SHONE, THE MAN OF STEEL WHO NEVER STOPPED.”

The motivation of the Nomination for The Premio Strega 2025

“I am presenting Angelo Ferracuti's novel ‘*Il figlio di Forrest Gump*’ (Mondadori) at the 2025 edition of the Strega Prize, because it restores to family relationships, with their load of attraction and repulsion, the value of a public reflection. The coming-of-age novel of a young man who cannot manage anger and anxiety, becomes a moving reportage - a genre that Ferracuti has been practising with mastery for decades - of the environments where he grew up and which he is on the verge of abandoning, projecting himself outwards in search of a reconciliation out of time - or at least a contact, which can only take place in the space of literature.

Mental toughness, determination, loneliness belong to writing as much as to running long distances and they unite Angelo Ferracuti and his father Mario; a father who a few hours before his death, in a low voice, reiterates his wish that the son with whom he has always clashed should write about him. ‘Forrest Gump's son’ is the nickname some friends have given Angelo because of this father who, at a certain point in his life, started running and never seemed to stop, becoming the third Italian for marathons run, marching for 48 hours non-stop (303 km).” [Lorenzo Pavolini](#)

“Of the 1970s, *The Son of Forrest Gump* restores the climate, the moments of collective passion, the ardours and the most tremendous disappointments, the acidic sound from which moments of overwhelming tenderness were suddenly released. This, after all, is the paradox inscribed in every memoir, that of being an autobiographical text that, however, is not exhausted in the spaces of a preordained autobiography.” **Massimo Raffaelli, *Il Manifesto***

It is not easy to have a sedentary, distant, sometimes hostile father, collected in himself, a clerk who seems to magnetize in himself the traits of a dull, democratic province. Yet that same father, having escaped parotid cancer, suddenly begins to run, and when he starts, he seems never to stop. In the city they call him “the one who runs,” and from his exploits on the roads of the Marche he is on his way to becoming a leading figure in the “marcialonga”, first national then international, marathon, and endurance marches. He becomes what his son, wrapped up in his rebellious youth, would never have suspected: a legend, the third Italian by number of races run. The small-town scoffs at him, but he doesn't care. We find him from time to time in Swiss valleys, Austria, Flemish plains, Dutch villages, Norway. After so much hostility and indifference, the son goes in search of a ghost who reappears magical and immense, larger than life, and he does so by traveling the paths his father has trodden and those that, before he consumed his time on earth, he would have liked to travel.

The epic of running, the epic of challenges, the epic of the political battles of the 1970s: a father and son confront each other on the roads of the world, to tell us what the dreams that keep us between heaven and earth are made of.

Angelo Ferracuti was born in Fermo in 1960. Writer and journalist, he writes for *Il Manifesto*, *La Lettura del Corriere della Sera*, *Left*, *Il Reportage*. He has published the short story collections *Norvegia* (Transeuropa, 1993) and *Il ragazzo tigre* (Abramo, 2007), the novels *Nafta* (Transeuropa, 1997 and Guanda, 2000), *Attenti al cane* (Guanda, 1999), *Un poco di buono* (Rizzoli, 2002), the reportage books *Le risorse umane* (Feltrinelli, 2006 - '**Sandro Onofri**' Prize), *Viaggi da Fermo* (Laterza, 2009), *Il mondo in una regione* (Ediesse, 2010), *Il costo della vita* (Einaudi, 2013 - **Premio Lo Straniero**), *I tempi che corrono* (Alegre, 2013), *Andare, camminare, lavorare* (Feltrinelli, 2015), *Addio* (Chiarelettere, 2016), the collection of theatrical texts *Comunista!* (Effigie, 2008), with Mauro Cicaré the graphic novel *L'angelo nero* (Barney, 2015), the novel *La metà del cielo* (Mondadori, 2019). His latest publications, *Non ci resta che l'amore. Il romanzo di Mario Dondero* (Il Saggiatore, 2021) and *Amazonia. Viaggio sul fiume mondo* (Mondadori- Strade Blu, 2022).



Author: ENRICA FERRARA
Title: MY MOTHER HAD A YELLOW CINQUECENTO
(MIA MADRE AVEVA UNA CINQUECENTO GIALLA)

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A BITTERSWEET DEBUT NOVEL ABOUT A FAMILY SUDDENLY IMPLICATED IN THE POLITICAL INTRIGUES WHICH DIVIDED ITALY DURING THE VIOLENT 1980S. A CANDID AND CAPTIVATING VOICE NARRATING DRAMATIC AND SHADY PLOTS AS SEEN BY THE INQUISITIVE, BRAVE EYES OF A YOUNG GIRL. A COMING OF AGE STORY PROVIDING A LIVELY AND REALISTIC PORTRAIT OF A

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«There are some family plots and secrets which children should not know, and yet they know everything! This is especially true of little girls, such as the protagonist of this novel who tears the veil of reality thanks to the grace and precision of a narrative voice which calls every single thing by its name»

Nadia Terranova

«What a story! Full of ferocity, adult lies and intricate political betrayals. The novel is full of twists and turns, but Gina's voice is like a bright Ariadne's thread guiding the reader on his journey of discovery. The prose is impeccable. Gina is a vibrant, dynamic character, full of life. I loved this book!»

Catherine Dunne

«A novel with a defined outline that stands out and overtakes us at high speed, leaving us deeply satisfied.» **Claudia Durastanti**

It is the 1980s, and little Gina is the daughter of a Christian-Democrat politician who is forced to leave his Neapolitan family behind to become a fugitive. Amidst terrorist attacks, secret meetings and an obstinate desire to see her father, with a candid and deadpan tone Gina narrates the life of a divided family and the thousands difficulties they encounter along the way, some of which she can barely comprehend.

Gina is ten years old, the daughter of a Christian-Democrat politician, Mario Carafa, who is forced to abandon his family in the summer of 1980 and run away from Naples. With her mother Sofia and her sister Betta, Gina spends the summer holidays under a false identity in Sardinia, where she is reunited with her father. Thanks to her passion for storytelling and new words, Gina does her best to comprehend what is happening to her family. For example, she seeks to decipher exotic terms, such as “Camorra mobster”, “terrorist” or “absconder”. But as soon as she seems to have grasped their meaning, she suddenly feels more and more confused: is her father innocent or guilty? Is he a politician or a member of the Camorra? Who are his friends, and who turned against him? Amidst family misunderstandings, teenage rebellion, new friendships, and adventures on board the ramshackle yellow Cinquecento, Gina overcomes this difficult time by improvising her own investigations about Mario Carafa. Her aim is to find out the real reasons behind her father's absconding and, above all, to bring him home once and for all.

Enrica Ferrara was born in Napoli but has lived in Dublin for over twenty years. She has published widely on topics of literature and film, such as Italo Calvino, Elena Ferrante, Natalia Ginzburg, Pier Paolo Pasolini and Domenico Starnone. She lectures at Trinity College Dublin and collaborates with the Italian Cultural Institute in Dublin. *My Mother Had a Yellow Cinquecento* is her debut novel.



Author: ROBERTO FERRUCCI
Title: THE WORLD HE MADE
(IL MONDO CHE HA FATTO)

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First Publisher: Nave di Teseo
Publication date: 21st February, 2025

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The world he made by Roberto Ferrucci
for the Premio Strega 2025
proposed by Claudio Magris

WRITTEN IN A DELICATE, MOVING AND VIVID LANGUAGE, *IL MONDO CHE HA FATTO* IS A FASCINATING MEMOIR, A PROFOUND REFLECTION ON THE FIGURE AND WORK, AS WELL AS ON THE THOUGHT, OF A REFINED AUTHOR SUCH AS DEL GIUDICE, ILLUMINATING AND ALWAYS TOPICAL IN HIS ANALYSES OF LITERATURE.

I wish that in the map of his scarred face the moments we spent together were visible and that those moments were identifiable, decipherable, an emotional album kept between the folds around his eyes, between the cracks in his lips, and our whole story was enclosed there, along with the rest of his life.

Motivation of the Nomination for The Premio Strega 2025:

“Living is dangerous; those who live die. There are gestures that sometimes accompany a precise feeling that the game is over. One could, of course, faffing with those games already played, continue, for example, a work of cataloguing, for which there is always a place. But if the games are played, faffing with them is of little use, as any polite maniac would have it, convinced that the existing things do just that, exist, be there, however dubious this role may be. But the narrator always knows what he has to do. A question I will never forget was asked me several years ago by Daniele Del Giudice. It was a question about a book I had written and which was about my truest life in a strong sense. As happens in most cases, one can let it go and pretend to ignore it, but a true writer knows that talking can sometimes be a commandment.

Il mondo che ha fatto by Roberto Ferrucci is a great book under the banner of this categorical imperative and one can - must? - talk about it, because that is why we have been given the word, or rather that word, and not another. Reading the book, one enters a novel workshop, in which the various narrative situations and figures flow like the words of the novel itself, in a succession of events that merge into the narrative. Roberto Ferrucci has the gift of the true writer, the familiarity with the objects and situations that life places before us, the concreteness of the details, the faithfulness to one's own hands and the taking of distance, the colours of life, the confused bewilderment before it.

Subjectivity is interpenetrated by the objects, scars, memories, dreams of a long life, words remembered and lingering in the air of houses and streets; the first manuscript given to a friend to read, the distrust of descriptions, the concern to compensate the reader who already knows those

texts. I do not know if and which authors Ferrucci has taken as a model; I wonder if they might be Flaubert's *Sentimental Education*, a book of books for anyone who, as a young man, dreams of writing the novel of his life and generation and perhaps does not know, does not dare to say so to the end, Calvino's *Letters*, the intersection of personal relationships, solitudes and publishing battles.

Il mondo cha ha fatto often seems to overturn opinions and impressions as in a game of cards. For various reasons - not the least of which is my friendship with Daniele Del Giudice - I believe that this fine book by Roberto Ferrucci has all the requisites to be a candidate for the Premio Strega 2025." **Claudio Magris**

"This moving memoir with its novelistic editing is written with the delicate and relentless touch, so personal, to which Roberto Ferrucci initiated us in his books. It speaks of life and writing, of writing shaping life, of life taking revenge on writing." **Tiziano Scarpa**

The relationship between Roberto Ferrucci and Daniele Del Giudice, one of the most recognised and loved authors on the Italian literary scene, who passed away in 2021, is an interweaving that binds affection, friendship, love for literature and stories, and that accompanies the passage of time and Ferrucci's life since his youth, when his first writing trials passed under Del Giudice's attentive eyes. From that moment on, the lives of the two writers continued to intersect and, in those encounters, there is everything: Del Giudice's books - *Lo stadio di Wimbledon*, *Atlante Occidentale*, *Staccando l'ombra da terra* -, his passion for flying, his love of maps and travelling, Antarctica, and his ties with the great names in Italian literature, especially Italo Calvino and Antonio Tabucchi. In Ferrucci's account, what emerges is a rich mosaic of contemporary Italian literature, bringing to light Del Giudice's tenacious dedication to books, his extreme rigour and sharp sense of humour, which only illness interrupted.

Roberto Ferrucci was born in Venice (Marghera) in 1960. His first novel, *Terra rossa* (Transeuropa) was published in 1993. This was followed by *Giocando a pallone sull'acqua* (Marsilio 1999) and *Andate e ritorni, scorribande a nordest* (Amos 2003), *Cosa cambia* (Marsilio 2007; *Ça change quoi*, Seuil 2010, with a preface by Antonio Tabucchi), *Sentimenti sovversivi/Sentiments subversifs* published first in France (2010) in a bilingual edition and, the following year, in Italy (Isbn Edizioni 2011), *Impassibili e maledette* (Limina 2010, Terra Ferma 2014). Italian translator of Jean-Philippe Toussaint and Patrick Deville, he has been teaching Creative Writing at the Faculty of Letters of the University of Padua since 2002. He collaborates with 'Corriere della Sera' and 'il Manifesto'. For Feltrinelli, he published *Sentimenti decisivi* (2012; French version, translated by Jérôme Nicolas, 2013) and in 2015 in the Zoom Feltrinelli digital series *Venezia è laguna*.



Author: MONICA GENTILE
Title: NATALIA'S ROOM
 (LA STANZA DI NATALIA)

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**A REBELLIOUS CHILD, A LYING GRANDMOTHER, A
 PICAESQUE JOURNEY.
 AN INCAMNABLE NOVEL ABOUT THE SAVING
 POWER OF IMAGINATION.**

**A FRESH AND LIGHT NOVEL THAT NEVERTHELESS KNOWS HOW TO TACKLE THE
 GREAT THEMES OF LITERATURE: TRAVEL, GROWING UP, FAMILY, THE POWER OF
 IMAGINATION.**

**WITH A SURPRISING AND OFTEN UNSETTLING LANGUAGE, MONICA GENTILE
 GIVES LIFE TO A MAGNETIC CHARACTER. ISABELLA IS A YOUNG GIRL TORN APART
 BY HER FAMILY'S CRISIS. SHARP-WITTED AND BRILLIANT, SHE CLINGS
 TENACIOUSLY TO LIFE, AIDED BY AN OVERFLOWING IMAGINATION. THE TRUST
 HER GRANDMOTHER GIVES HER AND HER LOVE OF WORDS AND BOOKS WILL
 HELP HER FIND HER WAY TO DECIPHER THE ADULT WORLD AND COME TO TERMS
 WITH LIFE.**

I was ten years old when my mother left us. It was Shrove Tuesday and I had gone to school in my Snow White costume, I was so proud of my dress with its high lapels and puffed sleeves. On the way out my father's grey Hundred and Thirty One was waiting for me.

"How come you came?" I picked up the long yellow skirt and got into the car.

He hesitated, then said that my mother had had to leave suddenly and hadn't been able to say goodbye to me. A comrade of mine had been told the same thing when his mother had been run over by a lorry trailer.

"You mean she died?"

He looked at me dazed, his eyes glazed over. "What are you thinking?"

"Then where is she? When is she coming back?" The red headband in my hair itched, I pulled it off. "Has she gone to Turin? Is someone sick?"

My maternal grandparents and Alfredo, my mother's younger brother, lived in Turin.

"They're all fine," I sucked air into my nose, started the car and turned on the heater. A jet of warm air came out of the vents. "Listen, lying to you isn't doing anyone any good," he stared at the windscreen, I think looking me in the eye would have made it insurmountable for him. "Mom left. We had a fight and she left."

It was worse than being run over by a big horse with stones.

It is 1981, Isabella lives in Agrigento and is ten years old when her mother leaves the family. The child does not accept the separation and is under the illusion that her parents will get back together. The father, closed in his grief, concentrates on his work and, at the beginning of summer, sends his daughter to Turin to her maternal grandparents. Waiting for her in Turin are Alfonso, the uncle she is always a little in love with, her grandfather Pacifico and, above all, Antonia, the generous and immodest grandmother, brilliant and a liar, who cleans at the Einaudi publishing house and comes home every day with exceptional stories.

Antonia, sick at heart and blind in one eye, uses irony and imagination as antidotes to a life of renunciation, so she tells her granddaughter stories about writers she barely knows or has heard of: Calvino, Pavese, Ginzburg become the protagonists of the ambiguous and magnificent borderland between reality and imagination, where Isabella loses herself to finally find her deepest identity. As the weeks go by, Isabella interprets her father's and mother's distance as an absence of love for her, so she lies about her parents to discredit them and gets into more and more trouble. In spite of this, Antonia continues to stick up for her, the bond between grandmother and granddaughter grows stronger and stronger, especially now that Alfredo has turned his attentions to his fiancée, triggering a vindictive jealousy in the girl.

It is her indomitable imagination, in fact, that will lead her to a crazy and surprising gesture of rebellion, but one that is necessary to make peace with herself and the world of adults.

Natalia's Room is a coming-of-age novel in which the protagonist, Isabella, will have to come to terms with life, learn that broken ties must be patiently mended and that the way to find oneself is through courage

Monica Gentile, born in 1972, was born in Agrigento. After living for several years in Francia, the United Kingdom and Rome, she returned to Palermo where she lives and works. She attended the Lalineascritta creative writing workshops held by Antonella Cilento for several years. She made her debut in 2014 with *Tira scirocco* after receiving a mention at the Calvino Prize, and in 2019 she published the novel *Cosa può salvarmi oggi*.



Author: MASSIMO GEZZI

Title: THE THIRD MOON
(LA TERZA LUNA)

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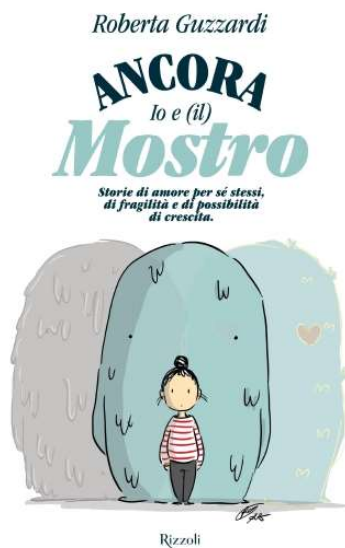
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TWO DESTINIES MEET IN ONE NIGHT IN ADRIATICA: SHE, EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, EMILIE, LIVES ALL STRETCHED OUT INTO THE FUTURE, IN AN IMAGINARY ESCAPE FROM THE PLACE WHERE SHE FEELS IMPRISONED, AND HE, SIXTY YEARS OLD, TULLIO, ALL CURLED UP IN A PAST THAT THAT VERY EVENING WANTS TO FORCEFULLY COME BACK TO THE SURFACE. THAT NIGHT THE TWO WILL MAKE AN UNEXPECTED NOCTURNAL CROSSING, UNTIL A SINGULAR EVENT PUTS AN END TO EVERYTHING OR FROM WHICH EVERYTHING CAN START AGAIN.

It's an evening in mid-May, in Adriatica, an imaginary coastal town in the Marche region. The moon is high in the sky like in a poem by Leopardi and the sea is almost still. Emilie and Tullio, a shy and messed up girl in her last year of high school and a sixty-year-old man recovering from a stroke, for different reasons live this evening at the mercy of their emotions. They both leave the house, walk along the city's seafront, and venture onto the pier, after hearing some news that touches them deeply. Both alone and restless, their lives will end up meeting and confronting each other, so much so that the two will discover that they share memories and secrets, gray areas and suspicions, despite Emilie living fully stretched into the future, in an imaginary escape from the place where she feels imprisoned, and Tullio all curled up in a past that this very evening wants to forcefully come back to the surface. Until at the end of their unexpected night crossing the two will witness, from different angles, a singular event that will put an end to everything, or from which everything can start again.

Massimo Gezzi's language, thanks to the magic of literature, transports us into the scenes of the novel and alongside the characters, giving us the illusion of participating in their defeats and challenges.

Massimo Gezzi lives in Lugano, where he teaches in a high school. He has published the poetry books *Il mare a destra* (2004), *L'attimo Dopo* (2009, **Metauro Prize and Marazza Giovani Prize**), *Il numero dei vivi* (2015, **Carducci Prize, Tirinnanzi Prize and Swiss Literature Prize** 2016) and *Uno di niente. Storia di Giovanni Antonelli, poeta* (2016). He coordinates the literary site «Le parole e le cose2». He edited the commented edition of the *Diary of '71 and '72* by Eugenio Montale (Mondadori, 20202), the *Oscar Poesie 1975-2012 di Franco Buffoni* (Mondadori, 2012), *Le Poesie scelte di Luigi Di Ruscio* (Marcos y Marcos, 2019) and *La città lontana. Poesie 1993-2009 di Adelelmo Ruggieri* (Marcos y Marcos, 2021). *Tra le pagine e il mondo* (Italic Pequod, 2015) he collected ten years of interviews with poets and reviews of poetry books. He published the book of short stories *Le stelle vicine* (Bollati Boringhieri, 2021).



Author: ROBERTA GUZZARDI
Title: STILL ME AND (THE) MONSTER
(ANCORA IO E (IL) MOSTRO)

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Publication date: May 2025

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AFTER THE GREAT SUCCESS OF 'IO E IL MOSTRO', MORE THAN 15,000 COPIES SOLD, THE LATEST BOOK BY THERAPIST AND ILLUSTRATOR ROBERTA GUZZARDI SPEAKS TO READERS' SOULS LIKE A BALM.

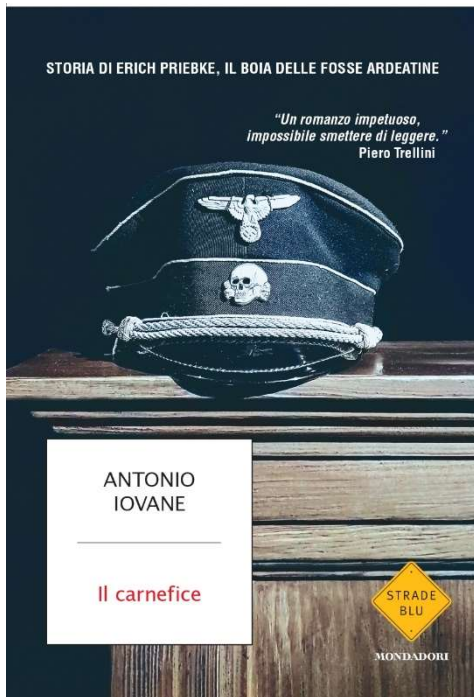
STORIES OF SELF-LOVE, FRAGILITY AND THE POSSIBILITY OF GROWTH

FROM THE COMBINATION OF THE PSYCHOTHERAPIST'S SKILLS AND ARTISTIC TALENT, A NEW, HIGHLY ORIGINAL PROJECT BY ROBERTA GUZZARDI

The new Monster book follows the evolution of the young girl, a character in constant growth, vulnerable but also courageous and determined. The focus of the story is her relationship with her inner Monster, initially perceived as dark, but who turns out to be a guide and guardian angel, intended to preserve her authenticity in the face of life's challenges.

The design of the new book delves into the theme of the search for identity, exploring the relationship with one's limitations and vulnerabilities, the discovery of talents and how to deal with the opportunities offered by life. Each chapter addresses specific questions about one's existence, encouraging reflection on who one really is and what one can do with one's unique characteristics. The hypothetical table of contents of the book suggests an articulated structure: the first chapter explores the search for oneself through the hidden facets of frailties, the second invites one to embrace vulnerability as an opportunity for growth, while the third guides one towards an authentic future, integrating dreams and talents with one's vulnerabilities. In sum, the book offers food for thought and stimulation to explore fundamental questions about one's identity, encouraging the reader to consider one's limitations as an integral part of the journey towards personal fulfilment.

Roberta Guzzardi (Corigliano Calabro, 1981) is a psychologist, psychotherapist and illustrator. She made her publishing debut in 2021 with *Io e (il) Mostro* (Me and (the) Monster), in which she recounts the adventures of a young girl with her inner monster (Jung's shadow), who turns from bitter enemy into guide and guardian angel. In 2023 he published his second picture book *Io e Te. I lost you and I don't know why*, a journey of inner healing from the wounds of relational loss. Always interested in the buried world that we all carry inside, she never stops trying to bring it to light through her illustrations with simple strokes, to make more visible, and therefore more manageable, the invisible inner self that never ceases to question us.



Author: ANTONIO IOVANE
Title: THE EXECUTIONER
(IL CARNEFICE)

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Publication date: 12th March 2024

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“An impetuous novel, impossible to stop reading.”
Piero Trellini

AN INVESTIGATIVE NOVEL SPANNING ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF HISTORY RECOUNTING THE LIFE, ESCAPES, CAPTURE, TRIALS AND DEATH OF ERICH PRIEBKE, THE EXECUTIONER OF THE FOSSE ARDEATINE.

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On 6 May 1994, Erich Priebke's face appears on television, caught on camera as he tries to explain that he was only carrying out orders at the Fosse Ardeatine. It is then that magistrate Antonino Intelisano sees him. It is then that a partisan, Carla Angelini, calls another partisan, Maria Teresa Regard, to tell her: It's him, it's him, the one from Via Tasso. It was then that I heard his name for the first time.

There is a man in Bariloche, a town in the foothills of the Andes not far from the Chilean border, who wakes up every day, eats breakfast, leaves his house, goes to the German school where he teaches, lectures to the kids and goes home to his wife for lunch. He has lived there for almost fifty years, is perfectly integrated, respected, has a solid network of friendships.

On 4 April 1994, however, outside the school he finds an American TV crew waiting for him. "Mr Priebke?" asks the journalist.

The other remains impassive, watching the journalist without understanding.

"You were in the Gestapo in '44, right? In Rome?"

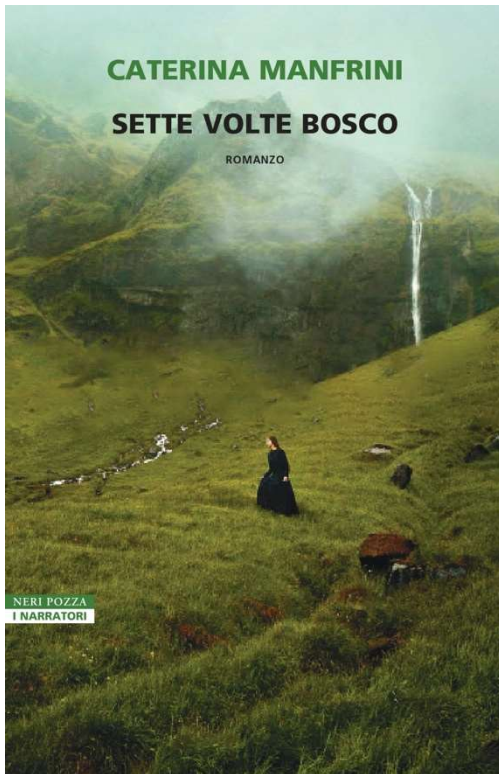
The man seems to think about it, then nods.

It seems unbelievable but that old teacher is really Erich Priebke, the German police captain who on 24 March 1943 called out the names of the 335 innocent people who were taken to the Fosse Ardeatine in Rome to be shot. He himself killed two of them.

How did an international wanted man escape from Italy and take refuge in South America? How is it possible that he lived undisturbed for half a century without anyone asking him

about his crimes? With monumental research work, a passionate series of interviews with key people in the story and the help of previously unpublished material, *The Executioner* tells three stories: that of Priebke's incredible capture, the trials, the uprising in the courtroom at the first acquittal, the conviction and imprisonment in an Italy deeply divided between those who demanded justice for the terrible massacre and those who instead pleaded for clemency for a man who was now elderly; that of Priebke's life, from his career in the SS in Rome to his role as a predator of partisans and Jews, and his daring escape to Argentina after the fall of the Reich; and finally a story of roots: Those of today's Italy, with its contradictions and antagonisms that have never been overcome, and of Antonio Iovane, who, while writing, investigating and entering the black heart of history, found himself faced with a disturbing truth.

Antonio Iovane was born on 18 May 1974 in Rome, where he lives. A journalist, he worked for a long time at Radio Capital. He currently produces investigative podcasts for the Gedi group's newspapers. He published the novel *Il brigatista* (2019), which was a great success with critics and the public, and *La seduta spiritica* (2021), both published by Minimum Fax. In 2022, Strade Blu series - Mondadori, published *Un uomo solo*, the immersive and sparkling account of Luigi Tenco's last hours, in an edition of Sanremo that is impossible to forget.



Author: CATERINA MANFRINI
Title: SEVEN TIMES WOODS
(SETTE VOLTE BOSCO)

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Publication date: July 2025

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A RAW AND POETIC DEBUT NOVEL ABOUT HUMAN RESILIENCE IN TIMES OF WAR, IN AN ALTO ADIGE STRUGGLING BETWEEN FRAGILE BORDERS AND LOVE FOR THE LAND

AN EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF FEMALE REDEMPTION, DEEPLY INTERWOVEN WITH THE INTENSITY AND POWER OF THE MOUNTAINS

The Great War has just ended when Adalina returns from the Mitterndorf refugee camp. Her parents are dead, her brother is missing: she is alone. All she has left is the family “maso” (farm), which has been despoiled of everything. Rebuilding her house will be a way to start living again, to make sense of what her father used to tell her as a child about the need to accept the cyclical nature of life: seven times a forest, seven times a meadow, and everything will go back to the way it has always been.

Caterina Manfrini was born in Rovereto in 1996. She graduated in Cultural Studies at the University of Roskilde in Denmark. *Sette volte bosco* is her debut novel.



Author: FILIPPO MENGA

Title: THIRST. GLOBAL WATER CRISIS AND THE CRIMES OF CAPITALISM

(SETE. CRISI IDRICA GLOBALE E CRIMINI DEL CAPITALISMO)

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THE GREATEST CHALLENGE OF OUR TIME**

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NEW PATHS OF ACTION AND THINKING**

**In our daily experience, nothing is as simple, as accessible, as expendable, as free as water.
Yet, nothing is more important for survival, of individuals as well as of the species.**

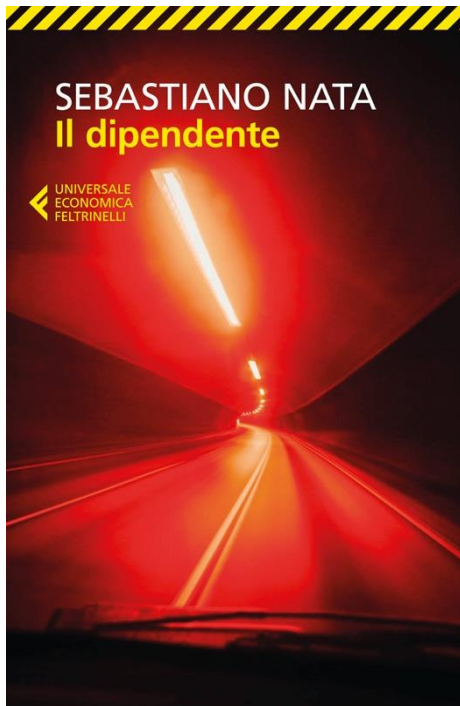
A groundbreaking study of the global water crisis. Solving the global water crisis is an immense challenge with unclear causes and few solutions. While there are many drivers of the crisis, the global water crisis is only global in the sense that there are people in regions all over the world who are 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: SEBASTIANO NATA
Title: THE EMPLOYEE
 (IL DIPENDENTE)

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With the introduction by Emanuele Trevi

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THIRTY YEARS AFTER THE FIRST EDITION, ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ITALIAN NOVELS ON THE WORLD OF WORK RETURNS TO BOOKSHOPS. A BOOK THAT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN YESTERDAY - OR RATHER, TOMORROW.

«And if you confess to someone how much they pay you, you reveal your value. The pay packet is a kind of universal judgement.»

«I have always said that. For me, strippers are like bullfights for Hemingway. Only after what happened to me at work and with Laura even there, I don't enjoy it. I participate nothing. I get distracted. A catastrophe. Better times will come, though. Michele Garbo's great revenge. The games have just begun. I bend but do not break. »

NO ONE HAD TOLD US WHAT DIES BEHIND THE MIRRORED GLASS OF THE BUILDINGS WHERE MONEY RULES; NO ONE HAD UNCOVERED THE SKULL OF AN EMPLOYEE TO SHOW US WHAT HELL BURNS THERE

The grip of work that creates dependency, the mechanism that alienates and resets identities and dreams. Between grotesque and tragedy, one of the most incisive stories of the 1990s.

«The employee is the first-person confession of a manager with a goal too big for him. Michele Garbo only fools around with this goal, and ends up daydreaming about triumphs that are destined to remain hypothetical. His private life is a disaster. His profession only repays him with stress and humiliations to break professionals more solid than himself. In all this, Michele Garbo never redeems himself. Never a gesture of pride, courage or even true affection. He is a perfectly, incredibly mean man. »

Aurelio Magistà - Il Venerdì di Repubblica

«The end of the employee is not the dismissal: if he is really an employee, that is, one who has his life outside himself, he is already finished when he is hired, when he works, when everything goes well. In 'The Employee' Michele Garbo's dense, compact, streamlined novel, Sebastiano Nata's first work, tells precisely the end. The loss of work as a loss of life, physically: as death. » **Ferdinando Camon - La Stampa**

«The reader witnesses the destruction of an individual who, killed in his humanity, slips into degrading and brutal living practices. But at this point the (naive) reader asks himself: but is not the victim himself, with his desire to make himself important and wealthy, somehow responsible for such ferocity and destruction? How naive!, that reader replies, and (with naive eggs) adds: this life we live is so intimately repressive that it prevents us from choosing. You cannot avoid going to the slaughter. » **Angelo Guglielmi - L'espresso**

«To approach it with the tools of the moralist - an approach encouraged by the author himself - *Il Dipendente*, Sebastiano Nata's debut novel, could be read as a sort of apologue: a violent indictment of contemporary society (hegemony of profit, crisis of the couple, vinification of values), which inevitably leads, through the iron mechanisms of its internal logic, to the self-destruction of the individual. »
Stefano Giovanardi - La Repubblica

Michele Garbo is the manager of an international credit card company, Transpay. Working for such a multinational has its advantages: high salaries, luxury company cars, benefits of all kinds. But time for oneself is scarce, and projects follow one another non-stop at a gruelling pace. In the press of tasks and responsibilities, Michele unconditionally accepts his role as 'employee' and tries to win the trust of his superior. But if his work successes, although frenetic, can gratify him, the night in Rome allows no escape, and Michele finds himself having to come to terms with a broken marriage, with a daughter who has moved to Brazil to be away from him, and with the relationship that has just ended with Laura, who has kicked him out of the house to get involved with a woman. Lonely, clinging to the anxiety of having to produce, to produce more and more, Michele lives in a hotel and spends his nights inside his Audi, inside red-light clubs, inside nameless prostitutes, until the day when a misstep, a single misstep, leads to his dismissal. Disenchanted, raw and melancholic, *The Employee* is a novel that takes a bite out of the myth of work and delves into the darkest darkness of a society that has put production first. There is anger in Nata's novel, an unquenchable rage that demands justice against a world that judges its inhabitants on the basis of their work achievements.

Sebastiano Nata was born in Rome in 1955. He made his debut with *Il dipendente* (1995 Theoria, 1997 Feltrinelli, 2025 Feltrinelli) which was a literary case. He then published *La resistenza del nuotatore* (1999, winner of the **Premio Mastronardi Città di Vigevano**), *Mentre ero via* (2004), *Il valore dei giorni* (2010), all with Feltrinelli. With Barney Edizioni he published *La mutazione* (2014) and with Atlantide *Tenera è l'acqua* (2020). A manager in various international technology companies, he is now active in the Third Sector. He conceived the Mastercard Literature Prize and is chairman of its Steering Committee. He is one of the founding partners of Edizioni di Atlantide. His latest novel is *Memorie di un infedele* (Bompiani, February 2023).



Author: PAOLO PAGANI

Title: REVOLUTION! STORY OF AN IDEA THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

(RIVOLUZIONE! STORIA DI UN'IDEA CHE HA CAMBIATO IL MONDO)

Pages: 300

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«REVOLUTION IS THE COLLECTIVE EVENT PAR EXCELLENCE THAT GOES BEYOND THE ASPHYXIATED INDIVIDUALISTIC HORIZON. THE REVOLUTION ALWAYS AND ONLY WANTS THE COMMON GOOD». Paolo Pagani

REVOLUTIONS ARE THE BREATH OF HISTORY.

The idea that triggered them, the desire to transform the world, remains the one burning utopia that never ceases to seduce men. Thinking about the overthrow of the existing necessarily directs the gaze towards the definition of an image of the future.

Revolution is a break in the ordinary course of days, it is a promise of happiness, it is a search for salvation.

It offers the guarantee of being able to escape the past. From the revolts of antiquity to the discovery of Reason as the supreme guide, to the action and overthrow of a pre-established order; from the French Revolution to the peremptory imposition of Marxism, and then of course to the Soviet October and the greatest revolutionary of all time, Lenin, the author reconstructs the complex and adventurous history of the idea that founded Modernity. Without ever being afraid to glimpse the poisonous ambiguity of every revolutionary earthquake: the desire to improve human life can unfortunately produce its opposite.

The philosophical narrative of these pages rehabilitates, however, the most vertiginous ideal and political parabola that has ever crossed the history of man in society.

HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT 'WALKING WITH WALTER BENJAMIN'.

“Pagani's writing proceeds with a method that is not philosophical, but narrative: with all the twists and turns necessary for the dramaturgy of the character, with the result that we find ourselves before

a 'sentimental reportage', a 'philosophical drama in motion'”.

Massimo Onofri, Avvenire

‘What Pagani manages to communicate to us, starting from geography, is the depth of a restlessness that has the bluish colour and gloom of certain canvases by Munch’.

Paolo Di Paolo, La Repubblica

Paolo Pagani born in 1957 in Milan, he studied philosophy with Mario Dal Pra at the University of Milan in the early 1980s after graduating from the Liceo Classico Parini. Married with two children, he is a professional journalist and has worked for several decades in periodicals, newspapers and television as a correspondent and, as editor-in-chief, has launched digital start-ups (he was deputy head of the Rome office of CNN Italy) and led web editorial offices.

With Neri Pozza he has published *I luoghi del pensiero* (2019) and *Nietzsche on the road* (2021), with Rizzoli *Citofonare Hegel* (2022): with the same title he has realised for Choramedia a philosophical podcast in 60 episodes of 7 minutes each, online exclusively on Spotify and reached third place in the ratings in Italy. He lives and works in Milan and contributes to the *Domenicale del Sole24Ore*. In early 2024 he published with Neri Pozza *In cammino con Walter Benjamin. Il naufragio di un genio e le idee della sua epoca*.



Author: ENRICO PEDEMONTE

Title: THE HUMAN FARM
(LA FATTORIA DEGLI UMANI)

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Publication date: 1st November 2024

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HOW DIGITAL PLATFORMS ARE REDESIGNING OUR LIVES

«Thirty years of legislative vacuum have allowed a handful of companies to control the key infrastructures of digital society: not those of a single country but of the entire western world. [...] Their business model is surveillance, espionage, manipulation, modification of the future. [...] The main objective is economic, but the project is anthropological because it radically changes our relationship with others and the very way we conceive our position in the world».

Why, after 2005, are the number of democracies in the world thinning, distrust in governments growing, newspaper sales plummeting and mental disorders among teenagers increasing? And why are protests and conflicts multiplying all over the planet? What role did the Internet - whose spread in those years exploded everywhere thanks to social networks and smartphones - play in this wave of instability?

Interweaving chronicle and research, Enrico Pedemonte recounts how digital platforms - managed by a handful of companies that have become more powerful than states thanks to a world without rules - have invaded our lives, changed our habits, our way of informing ourselves, communicating, and spending our time. The path traced is that of a true revolution in progress: from the utopias of the 1990s to the hegemony of Google, from the birth of Facebook to the uprisings in Arab countries, from Obama's election to Brexit and the rise of Donald Trump, from mass disinformation to the crisis of democracy, up to the latest, astonishing new models of artificial intelligence that, while they fuel the hope of solving many of humanity's problems, induce fears and generate bubbles of millenarian culture.

Enrico Pedemonte A graduate in Physics, he is a journalist and writer. He has been a correspondent for 'Secolo xix', New York correspondent for 'Espresso', editor-in-chief at 'la Repubblica', and director of 'Pagina99'. He has covered science and technology, international politics and economics. He has published the essays *Personal Media* (Bollati Boringhieri, 1998), *Morte e resurrezione dei giornali* (Garzanti, 2010) and, with Vincenzo Tagliasco, *Vantaggi dello sboom demografico* (FrancoAngeli, 1996) and *Genova per chi* (Fratelli Frilli Editori, 2006). He has also written two novels: *La seconda vita* (Frassinelli, 2018) and *L'ultima partita* (Rizzoli, 2022). For Treccani he is the author of *Fear of Science* (2022).



Author: NIKOLAI PRESTIA
Title: PLANTS CONSCIOUSNESS
(LA COSCIENZA DELLE PIANTE)

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A NOVEL ABOUT OUR PRESENT IN WHICH FRAGILITY IS A
CAUSE OF SHAME.

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La coscienza delle piante by Nikolai Prestia

For the Premio Strega 2025

Proposed by Daniele Mencarelli

«Time, space and language. A writer stands between these themes with lucidity and no less instinct. He knows how to grasp the falling point of a phenomenon by the obsessive exercise of his gaze, and he knows how to put it into words. Nikolai Prestia, with his *The Conscience of Plants*, warns us of a danger, reversing the point of view with respect to the supposed crisis of our youth. The problem is not the new generations, but us, the adults and our world, where only the goal and its achievement count. So many, like Marco, the novel's protagonist, fail, not the goal. But it is from failure that true self-awareness is generated. *The Consciousness of Plants* is a raw novel, dense with life and reality, and Nikolai Prestia is a writer who will remain engraved in the coming years of our literature.» **Daniele Mencarelli**

MASSAROSA AWARD 2023 FOR THE DEBUT NOVEL

WITH THE FRESH AND IMAGINATIVE PROSE THAT HAD ENCHANTED THE READERS OF *DASVIDANIA*, HIS DEBUT NOVEL, NIKOLAI PRESTIA TELLS THE DISCOMFORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE INEVITABILITY OF BEING CRUSHED BY THE EXPECTATIONS OF OTHERS AND BY THEIR LOVE.

«Around me the average age is low only for cemeteries. I open my eyes. I have kept them wide open most of the time, only now do I feel I have them under control. The images I can comprehend, they flow unimpeded, they don't come back and they don't overlap. The valium must have taken effect. "Listen, what about calling me the nurse?" the lady lying on the crib next to my gurney asks me. I ignored her, bringing my left hand to my face to hide. I would like to disappear.»

“With straightforward prose, Prestia recounts the inadequacy, the fear of disappointment, the fear of failure of more than one generation, to whom success continues to be told in terms of speed, money or popularity. “ **Internazionale** , **Nadeesha Uyangoda**

After a panic attack, Marco is admitted to the emergency room. He cannot speak, he is confused, and while all around him the other hospitalized patients mark time with their complaints, a psychologist takes care of him by inviting him to go over his past. Inside, Marco has many things, but mostly the pains, falsehoods and failures collected during his university studies in Siena. The stream of consciousness in which he plunges is punctuated by his last four cigarettes, with a promise, when the story is finished, to quit smoking. He then recalls his brilliant college career, until that failed exam that gradually turned into emotional and social discomfort. To escape the weight of reality, he invented a parallel world in which he was still keeping up with exams. Having come to the brink, he confessed everything to his father and grandfather - managers of a restaurant in the same small Calabrian village that Marco had left years earlier to move to and enroll in law school - and, finally light, resumed his studies. It was then that he met a girl who was a victim of his own lies. They promised each other never to lie to each other, and especially to finish their studies together. However, if Marco managed to graduate, the same cannot be said of her. And now, within the bare walls of the emergency room in which he is hospitalized, Marco must come to terms with the traumas of his own past, but also - and perhaps above all - with his own future, which awaits him in another ward, a few rooms away. *Plants Consciousness* tells of the anger of living in an age where the result is worth more than the path, and where speed is the only parameter by which we all, more or less consciously, judge success. With the fresh and imaginative prose that enchanted readers in *Dasvidania*, his debut novel, Nikolai Prestia - a young Zeno who wants to quit smoking and tries to understand what is happening to our future - tells of youthful discomfort and the inevitability of being crushed by the expectations and love of others.

Nikolai Prestia, was born in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, in August 1990. At the age of eight, he was adopted by a Sicilian couple together with his sister. A law graduate from Siena, he now lives in Rome. He made his debut with the novel *Dasvidania* (Marsilio, 2021), **Massarosa Prize 2022**, a memoir about his childhood in Russian orphanages.



Author: GIULIANA SALVI
Title: CLEMENTINA

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A MAKESHIFT CLASSROOM WITHIN THE
WALLS OF HOME IS WHERE CLEMENTINA
CHANGES THE WORLD.
THE COURAGE OF A WOMAN
AND HER SILENT STRENGTH.

THE EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF CLEMENTINA SALVI MARTELLO, MOTHER AND INTELLECTUAL WHO, IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, FOUNDED A "DIFFERENT" SCHOOL WITHIN THE WALLS OF HER HOME.

INSPIRED BY THE TRUE STORY OF THE AUTHOR'S GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, CLEMENTINA TELLS THE STORY OF A WOMAN FORCED TO REINVENT HER LIFE TO SAVE HER FAMILY. ANIMATED BY A UTOPIAN AND INTELLECTUAL IMPULSE, AND BY A "GUT" FEMINISM, CLEMENTINA WILL TRANSFORM HER HOME INTO A SCHOOL AND CHANGE THE DESTINY OF GENERATIONS OF BOYS AND GIRLS, LOVING THEM NOT AS CHILDREN BUT AS YOUNG HUMAN BEINGS FULL OF MYSTERY.

IT IS HER GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER WHO CONVERTS CLEMENTINA'S LIFE INTO A NOVEL, DRAWING ON FAMILY NARRATIVES AND LITERARY IMAGINATION. IN THIS DEBUT FULL OF LOVE THAT CAN BE READ IN ONE BREATH, GIULIANA SALVI REVEALS A RARE TALENT FOR STAGING: THE GHOSTS OF HER GENEALOGY BECOME VERY LIVELY CHARACTERS, READY TO ESCAPE THE CONFINES OF HER FAMILY'S MEMORY AND INHABIT THE OUR OWN.

"We immediately fell in love with Clementina, a very strong, interesting and contemporary female figure, utopian and perhaps even proto-feminist, but 'from the gut'. A character who is not to be forgotten and who could rightly be one of Chiara Tagliaferri and Michela Murgia's Morgane." (Angela Rastelli and Dalia Oggero, Einaudi Editore)

“Giuliana Salvi tells in novel form the story of her great-grandmother, who founded a home school in Lecce at the beginning of the 20th century. And invented a method. (...) There are many ways to make a revolution without going to the barricades, and Clementina achieves her own by creating a fertile pedagogy.” **Leonetta Bentivoglio, La Repubblica.**

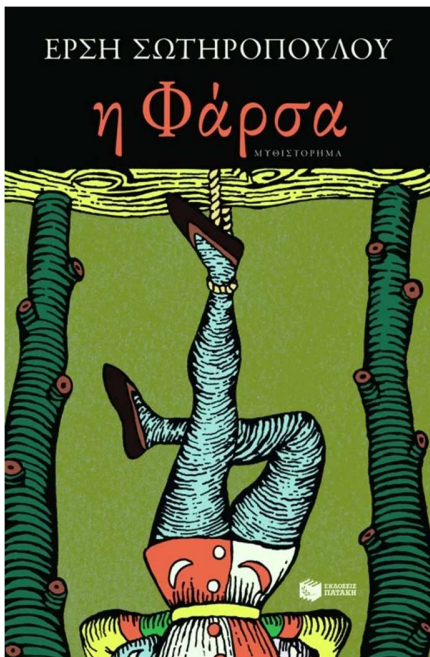
“History teaches us that underestimating a woman is cowardly as well as foolish': it was 1925 and Clementina Salvi had set up a public school in her home in Lecce, where, over the next twenty years, she would educate dozens of children. Her personal history had brought her face to face with the sudden death of her husband, three children to support, a life to rebuild in that Salento from which she had left and then forcibly returned.

Was she a feminist?

'She was one in deeds, not in claims, for which she had no time. The figure I have tried to bring to life in the novel is not that of a heroine: Clementina was rough, complicated, as a mother at times castrating. But also challenging, attentive. Getting respect from the teenagers she was surrounded by was not easy, but she put so much faith and passion into her teaching that those around her were overwhelmed by it.’” **Interview to the author, Il Venerdì di Repubblica**

While History rages outside the window, Clementina, a young widow with three children has to reinvent the world. Sitting at the desk that was her father's and make ends meet, so as not to disappoint either the living or the dead. And so, utopian and feminist at heart, Clementina sets up, within the walls of her home, a school improvised and different from all the others, changing the destiny of dozens of boys and girls in a Lecce that, in the first half of the 20th century seems on the periphery of everything. Inspired by the true story of the author's great-grandmother, Clementina is a novel that is not to be forgotten, thanks the strength of an extremely contemporary female character contemporary: a woman ‘all gestures’, alive charismatic, restless, always in search of something, ready to escape the confines of family memory and to inhabit our own.

Giuliana Salvi Born in Rome in April 1988, after a master's degree in Screenplay and Audiovisual Production she started working in the audiovisual sector as an editor, researcher and text collaborator for documentary film production companies. *Clementina* is her debut novel.



Author: ERSI SOTIROPOULOS

**Title: THE FARCE
(LA FARSA)**

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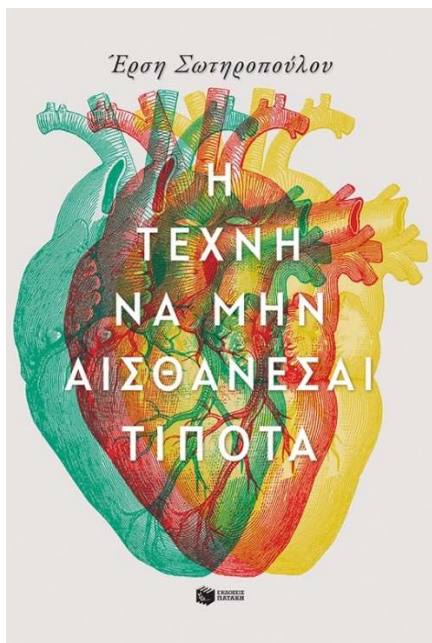
'The 'Farce' is the Manifesto of the Rebellious Woman - rebellious in that man is still the absolute ruler holding the reins, for his reign has disappeared neither in heaven nor on earth.... The revolutionary act consists in weakening this power by ridiculing it, by destroying it with laughter'. **From the introductory note by Nanos Valaoritis.**

'They say that to write a novel you first need an obsession. This is true: it does not matter what the idea is, as long as there is one. Nabokov, for example, chose the groom, and Norman Mailer chose the silly habits of the middle class. Every good novel cultivates obsession to the point of giving it lustre, legitimacy and inner coherence. Here is the most wonderful thing about farce: obsession here is language itself, naive and dying, yet still capable of making clever plots, mocking loneliness and trapping people's quirks in an incessant conspiratorial whisper.' **Evgenios Aranitsis, Sunday Eleftherotypia, 25-7-1982.**

The farce is the story of two young friends, Rena and Titi, who live in Athens between September 1975 and March 1976. The main occupation of the two girls is to play telephone charades on unknown men who share the fact that they have a position of power in society, both in the workplace - they are engineers, businessmen, senior civil servants, etc. - and in the private sphere - they are heads of families. The place where they put these inclinations towards subversion into practice is Rena's dingy flat in the centre of the Greek capital. Jumping from the present to the past and from one perspective to another, the story progresses by uncovering the girls' family and adolescent histories. The novel's reflections revolve around themes such as the tedium of youth in a backward society, literary creation and sex. As the narrative progresses, the reader discovers that, with brilliant artifice, the motif of farce is realised in the novel on more levels than it first appears.

Ersi Sotiropoulos acclaimed Greek writer, she is author of novels, short stories, screenplays and poems. Her works have been translated into several languages (English, French, Spanish, Italian, German,

Swedish and Turkish) and presented in festivals worldwide. Her novel *Zig zag through the bitter-orange trees* is the first novel to win both **the National Award for Best Novel** and **the National Critics Award in 2000**. The stories *Feel blue, dress in red* won the National Award for the Best Collection of Stories in 2012. The novel *Eva*, **Athens Academy Award for Best Novel**, has been translated in French in 2015 (it is also being translated into Albanian and Turkish), and was shortlisted at the **European Book Prize 2015** and the **Prix du literature du Monde 2015**. *What's left of the night*, **Prix Méditerranée Étranger 2017** and nominated for the **Prix Femina 2016** and the **European Book Prize 2017**. In 2022 the collection of short stories *The art of feeling nothing* was shortlisted for The “Anagnostis” **Literary Magazine Award**.



Author: ERSI SOTIROPOULOS

Title: THE ART OF FEELING NOTHING

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“She remembered a caress a few years ago, a man had caressed her head, pulling her hair back, an unexpected move that she had not expected and that the man had not repeated, for a few seconds she had felt great, she did not remember who it was, he had no face, just that unexpected caress, a caress like that was worth more than a trip to China. But what if it had been him? What if he had been the one to caress her? It crossed her mind and she froze at the thought. No, not him. And then he won't be able to caress, he'll move his arms like a spinning top.... And at that moment he, the armless beggar, passed by in a makeshift buggy pushed by a boy in women's slippers.”

The art of feeling nothing consists of countless such moments: transformations of everyday life, encounters between the known and the unknown. Modern Athens wavers before us, the

outline of a sketch darkens and blurs, the face of a friend is at once loved and strange. The slightest event, the slightest change in the quality of light, can change everything.

Fifteen short stories with flashes of beauty, crackers of black humour and something else, impossible to pinpoint, that makes them memorable, something like the caress of a man with no hands. Ersi Sotiropoulou's stories finally invent a new way of seeing.

“Her language might seem frugal and unadorned, but the frugality has a poetry to it, offering images on which the stories’ plots stand firm. Her sentences can carry invisible cracks which hint at how finely woven her texts are [...] A mature collection from an author who continues to find inexhaustible sources from which startlingly new books spring.” **Dionysis Marinou - Bookpress.gr**

“These stories strike back with ease, boldness and the power to define everything from scratch – without wrinkles to her writing or the shadow of fatigue in her inventions, or any other limitations to brake her momentum in discovering paths to renew her identity.” **Vangelis Chatzivasileiou - To Vima tis Kyriakis**

“Ersi Sotiropoulos is not just concerned with the hazards of emotion and a multifarious inner landscape. The urban landscape, with its social issues such as the economic and refugee crises; the literary and publishing world, viewed obliquely and subversively; eccentric characters, emphasised in unexpected details and bursts of humor, are all given space in *The Art of Feeling Nothing*, moulded in prose that shines like fireflies in the dark.” **Helena Maroutsou - Efimerida ton Syntakton**

“In Ersi Sotiropoulos’ prose, reality is not confined to the visible, but is more like the blurry, hallucinatory horizon we experience, created by internal jolts. Her clean-cut writing unfolds with the speed of moving clouds, self-undermining, self-splitting, running beyond the images she creates so that the stories slip suddenly from grim reality into “elsewhere”. The stories are not didactic, but express a genuine angst about literature, writing, feelings, people and humanity. Maintaining the elements of her own intimate universe, Sotiropoulos strikes gold. The book’s muted melancholy and underlying mourning never evolve into nostalgic recollection or despair, but torpedo the world’s stifling order.” **Costas Karavidas - EPOCHE**

Ersi Sotiropoulos (novelist, fiction writer, poet) won the **National Literature Prize and the Book Critics Award** for her novel *Zigzag Through the Bitter-Orange Trees*, as well as **Athens Academy Prize for Best Novel 2011** for her novel *Eve* (published in France by Editions Stock). She studied Philosophy and Cultural Anthropology in Florence and was a cultural attaché in the Greek Embassy in Rome. She has participated in several exhibitions of Visual and Concrete Poetry as well as in literature festivals around the world. She has written scripts for film and television. Her work has been translated into French, Spanish, German, Swedish, Turkish and English.



Author: ERSI SOTIROPOULOS
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WHAT'S LEFT OF THE NIGHT by Ersi Sotiropoulos in **Karen Emmerich's** stellar translation has won the 2019 National Translation Award in Prose from the **American Literary Translators Association (ALTA)**.

SOTIROPOULOS'S NOVEL IS A PURE DIAMOND OF LANGUAGE, STYLE, RESEARCH, LOVE, AND INNER STRUGGLE

June 1897: the "unfortunate" Greek-Turkish war come to the end. Greece is defeated and humiliated; France is torn by Dreuyfus case, the city of Alexandria has finally surrendered to the indolent rhythms of the East. All over Europe there is a fin de siècle atmosphere. In such an historical context, the young Constantine Cavafy, with his older brother John, is in Paris as the last stop of a long journey through Europe. A pleasure trip that will change him into deep and will contribute to the realization of his poetic inclinations. Ersi Sotiropoulos follows the Poet like a shadow. Using archive material she analyses his passions and torments and thanks to a rich bibliography is able to recreate the main moments of Cavafy's life. What about the night is a novel about the complicated relationship between art and life, about the erotic desire that triggers the creativity. It is a courageous reconstruction of the great poet's personality.

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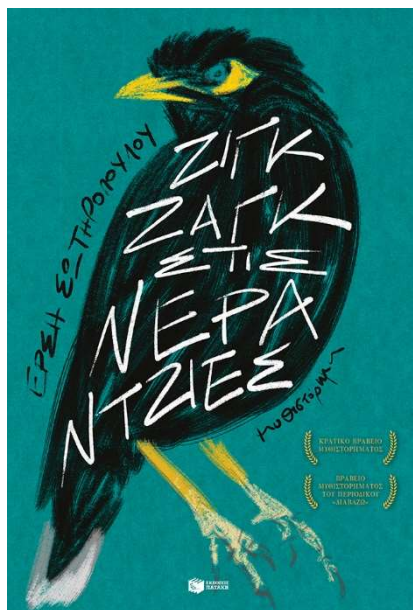
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—*The Literary Review*

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Edmund White, author of *A boy's Own Story* and *Genet: A Biography*

"Splendid ... limpid and passionate ... fluid and musical, Ersi Sotiropoulos's prose says it perfectly ... You can read this beautiful book by Ersi Sotiropoulos as an account of three key days in the life of Constantine Cavafy. You can read it as a passionate introduction to his work ... but you can also see it on a more metaphorical level. That of a reflection about art. How is it born? Where does it come from?" —*Le Monde*

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(2019).

Author: ERSI SOTIROPOULOS

Title: **ZIG ZAG THROUGH THE BITTER ORANGE TREES**

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Author: ENRICO TERRINONI

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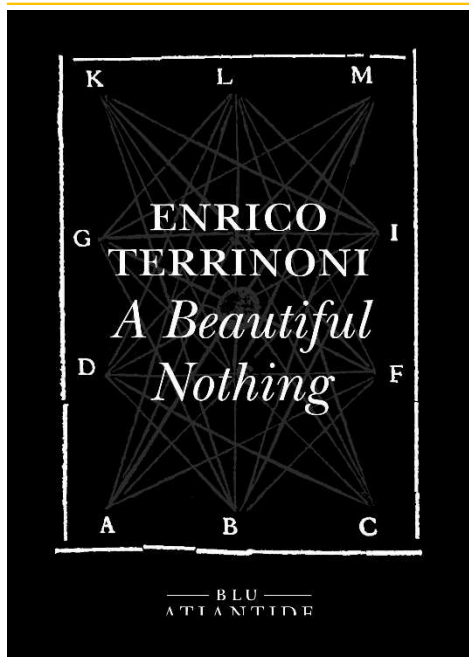
**A FASCINATING JOURNEY AND UNPREDICTABLE
JOURNEY INTO THE MYSTERY OF LITERARY
CREATION**

«Texts remain a dead letter until we resurrect them through reading and make them interact with us and our time. Only then do they come to life and show what they really are, but also what they are not. Only then does the eternal transmigration of their souls begin».

What do Einstein and Joyce have in common? Both sought to challenge, with different tools, the mystery of Meaning and the All. Reading the classics of antiquity or the more modern ones somehow confronts us with the same kind of imponderability offered by the mysteries that drive science. The starting point of the book lies precisely in this parallel between the composition of language and that of the universe, with its singular phenomena, its obscurities, its apparent arbitrariness. A literary text, whatever it may be, and irrespective of its creator's intuitions, his will, and even the conditions under which it sees the light, would be a dead letter if there were no reader to bring it to life. But also in science, particularly in the relational interpretation of quantum mechanics, something similar happens: only when objects interact are their properties seen, which are not to be considered, so to speak, intrinsic to things, but precisely relative, relational. This prompted the author to apply some concepts from quantum theory and others from the study of the universe to the reception of literary texts. Because «as with science, in literature only in the face of the obscure can imagination be unleashed».

Enrico Terrinoni is Professor in Residence at the National Italian Academy "Lincei". He holds the Chair of English Literature at the University for Foreigners in Perugia and teaches Translation at the IULM University in Milan. In 2019 he was 'Visiting Professor' at the University of Notre Dame and in 2022 he was 'Visiting Professor' at the National Normal Taiwan University. Previously he had been 'Mendel Fellow' at the Lilly Rare Manuscripts Library, University of Indiana, 'Research Fellow' at University College Dublin, and 'Research Scholar' at Marsh's Library, Dublin. He is the President of the James Joyce Italian Foundation. His books include *Beyond Dwells Silence. Translating Literature* (Il Saggiatore, 2019), *Joyce and the Occult* (Cambridge SP, 2008), *James Joyce and the End of the Novel* (Carocci, 2015), *Who's Afraid of the Classics?* (Chronopius, 2020) and *On all the living and the dead. Joyce in Rome* (Feltrinelli, 2022). He was awarded several international prizes for his translations and his works. *With Declan Kiberd* (editor of *Ulysses* for Penguin), he is co-editor of *The Book about Everything* (*Head of Zeus*), a critical work on Joyce's *Ulysses* featuring contributions by

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Author: ENRICO TERRINONI
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«It is a way of remembering. A technique of memory. We only remember the things that interest us, he added. And what interests you? The plots you can't see».

**A FASCINATING LITERARY AND METAPHYSICAL MYSTERY WITH AT ITS CENTRE
 JAMES JOYCE AND GIORDANO BRUNO**

«But do you know, do you understand why Joyce ultimately owes almost everything to this place here?», the other asked him.

«To Rome, you mean?». The old man twirled his pulpy arm as if to point to the airy dome that watched over the city.

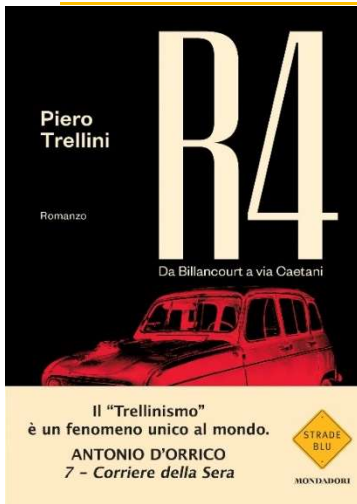
«Just read his book of the dead». The professor noticed a certain turmoil in the young man's eyes, and as if to hearten him, he went: «You are not the only one who does not know about it. Very few people have read it delving deep down without stopping at its intricate veneer. Not many of my colleagues master it either. They write about it, they write articles and books about it, but they have never really read it. Because it is a book of secrets, and academics are not interested in secrets. It is the book of the dead, the Wake, but of those who come back to life. Like vampires. And do you know why? Because this is where the dead are reborn».

This fascinating first novel by Enrico Terrinoni, full of literary references and arcane suggestions, sees the intersecting fortunes of two Roman scholars, master and pupil, grappling with an enigma centred on the brief period spent in Rome, at the beginning of the 20th century, by the great Irish writer James Joyce.

The old professor, an outsider in the academy, has always considered literature a mysterious, sapiential space, capable of providing absolute revelations. And he believes that Joyce's works contain an unspeakable secret, that they are the casket of dangerous truths. So, during his last course before retiring, he tries to involve three students in his oracular theories: a shy and serious young man who will later become a professor and take his place to continue his unfinished research, a girl who will have an intense relationship with him, and a boy of Magyar origin destined to become a famous noir writer.

The three will gradually make a series of discoveries that on the one hand confirm the old man's theories, and on the other enrich them with new mysteries, perhaps leading them to unravel the hidden connection between a secret dimension in the artist's works and the obscure paths indicated by the writings of Giordano Bruno, whose reincarnation Joyce himself felt Mysterious, perturbing, cultured and hallucinatory, A Beautiful Nothing is a novel that is unique and completely in its own right on the international literary scene.

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“Trellinism is a one-of-a-kind phenomenon in the world”.
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“Piero Trellini's 'novel', *R4*, is a formidable journey backwards, zigzags, jumps, flashes in the saga, and one might say in the unconscious, of a car and a brand that in history, politics, news, customs and the collective imagination has imprinted indelible traces, even of tyres.”

Marco Cicala – Venerdì di Repubblica

“A saga centred on Renault's iconic car, masterfully intertwining the stories of people and machines.” **La Lettura, Corriere della Sera**

Proposed for the STREGA PRIZE 2024 by Francesco Caringella, with this motivation:

With great joy and deep conviction I propose “*R4. Da Billancourt a Via Caetani*” (Mondadori, 2024) by Piero Trellini for nomination for the 2024 Strega Prize.

I do so because, like authentic works of fiction, it is not one book, but several books together, knotted together by the winking, welcoming nose of France's best-selling car.

It is a book about the history of France, Italy, Europe, the two world wars, industrial dynasties and workers' struggles, a story that is told through other stories in a game of mirrors that involves and envelops an incredibly vast gallery of worlds and eras.

It is a book of men and women, of aspirations and breaths, of dreams and destinies, of suicides and adventures, of tumbles and resurrections.

It is a book that recounts, with the lucidity of a movie camera, the terrible days of Moro's kidnapping, sculpted in the harsh and cold atmosphere of the years of Lead.

It is a book that perfectly embodies the Kafkaesque lesson according to which a true novel is a blow of an ice axe that breaks the sea of ice within us.” **Francesco Caringella**

«*The R4 proceeded confidently. From Via Montalcini it drove along Villa Bonelli and came out on Via*

della Magliana. The driver Moretti's only concern was to arrive at destination. Like all the other men behind the wheel, turning around, at that point he saw only what he needed for his goal, sensing just the route he had decided, the other moving vehicles, the obstacles placed in front of him as he progressed and the place where to stop. His thoughts were not that different from those of all the other drivers. Because the same mechanism was driving them. That of machines which had turned men into machines.»

That nose attracted fondness. But maybe it hid its true nature. The back equipped with a large trunk and a stretched floorboard to facilitate loading operations. When the Renault 4, also known as Marie Chantal, debuted at the Grand Palais in Paris, they said it would be everyone's car. And that reddish purple R4, Export model, purchased in 1971 by Filippo Bartoli, became everyone's car. From the moment when, on May 9, 1978, after 253,839 kilometers of life, it stopped breathing together with the body it was transporting. He was the most important man in Italy. She was the best-selling car in France. She had been created in Billancourt, the Parisian factory that had modeled the face of a nation. Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, photographer Robert Doisneau, philosopher Simone Weil, singer-songwriter Georges Brassens and even Gusztáv Sebes, coach of the Mighty Magyars, had worked in its workshops. But not only them. Inside that plant, sprouted in the garden of Louis Renault's mother, other existences had wandered, destined to pass through two world conflicts, the Cold War, 1968, the economic crisis and the armed struggle. Following that extremely long thread which links an origin to an ending, line after line Pietro Trellini takes us on an incredible ride into a story that must be seen from the bottom up, where car headlights are guiding us. Along the way, everything connects. Thoughts intertwine, by Henry Ford, Adolf Hitler, Ernest Hemingway, Francis Scott Fitzgerald, Clare Boothe Luce, George Marshall, Eduardo De Filippo, George Patton, Jean Paul Sartre, Le Corbusier, Gian Giacomo and Inge Feltrinelli, Sandro Pertini, Renato Curcio, Pier Paolo Pasolini, Henry Kissinger, Paul VI, Aldo Moro and many others. The slow transformation of their minds, through an invisible chain of links, will divert history, taking that car and those thoughts to breathe the same air and embark on the same journey. To find themselves, in the last sensational pages, overlapping and coinciding in the most dramatic coordinates.

THEY HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT HIS BOOKS:

In the last four years, Piero Trellini scored three masterpieces (I think it's a world record). Besides this superb *L'Affaire* ("The Affaire", the father of all legal thrillers), he published *La partita. Il romanzo di Italia Brasile* ("The match. The novel of Italy-Brazil", an Iliad of soccer) and *Danteide* ("Danteid", a Recherche of lost Dante Alighieri).

Antonio D'Orrico, 7 del Corriere

"The Dreyfus case remains a primordial scene and a vertiginous laboratory of Modernity. Piero Trellini has given back that vertigo in a centrifugal book where, like in a Russian doll, each story opens another one and all of them end up intersecting in a formidable, explosive glimpse of an era.

Of a period marked by irreversible revolutions in ideology, media, technology, science, art.

Mutations that in some way still concern us".

Il Venerdì di Repubblica

"Gripping, titanic, grandiose for the capacity of the author, faithful to historical documents, to tell the unbelievable tale of captain Dreyfus. And in our opinion the book of the year." **Giovanni**

Pacchiano

"An extraordinary book by Trellini. A great knowledge of facts and great storytelling capacity, which

is very rare". **Giuseppe Scaraffia, Il Foglio**

"A remarkable tale, as everything pouring out of a magnificent obsession".

Marco Cicala – Il Venerdì di Repubblica

"Trellini transformed his sweet, strong "obsession" in this volume representing a soccer Odyssey (...) I had never read, on a single match, anything as complete and engaging. In its genre: a masterpiece." **Darwin Pastorin – Huffington Post**

"You will wonder how it is possible to match the size of Moby Dick writing of twenty-two men that are kicking a ball... Trellini has taken it upon himself to explore all that can be explored about the protagonists of that challenge..." **Giuseppe Culicchia – La Stampa**

"A big book, but you read it in one breath: the match arrives only after about four hundred pages, but Trellini - like a good crime writer - is very skillful in slowly making our mouths water". **Corriere dello Sport**

"The match" by Piero Trellini is an extraordinary endeavor (...) Books like this can't be found anymore. It's a super novel (just like we say super hero), it has super powers, the strongest of which is that he makes us relive the competition with unbearable suspense, as if we didn't know that Paolo Rossi would score three goals. I recommend "The match" to those who are not soccer fans. They will discover many things. Of life and not of soccer".

Antonio D'Orrico, 7Corriere

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Walter Veltroni, La Gazzetta dello Sport

"Danteid is all you don't expect from a book on Dante: Trellini doesn't settle for the tale of well noted facts about the Tuscan poet, but as a neorealist director, he investigates, he follows his character (starting from the finding of the poets's skeleton) and describes him as an ordinary man. Trellini knows how to write, he's a real writer, reading these pages you are overwhelmed, you have fun, you feel tormented, you find yourself in a plot worthy of the best TV series. Here are his pages!"

Roberto Saviano

"In Danteid every reference is purely Dantesque. Trellini uses only original spare parts. Technically the book is a spin-off, but as if Dante in person had written it. Things are then complicated by the type of writer that Trellini is... Danteid is a cross between Dante's software and Trellini's software".

Corriere della Sera, Antonio D'Orrico

"An unpredictable novel that, starting from the recovery of the head of the supreme poet in a wooden crate in Ravenna, in 1865, retraces the figures, the atmospheres, the characters who surrounded him: from Paolo and Francesca to Guido Cavalcanti, from Guido da Montefeltro to count Ugolino." **L'Espresso**

"Among the many books published this year, the most audacious and pop is Danteid by Piero Trellini (Bompiani). Serious commitment, result of laborious research (more than five thousand texts consulted indicates the bibliography) and inspired by the desire to make Dante interesting for the young; not an interpretation of the work nor a biography in a narrow sense, but an attempt to

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Walter Siti, Domani

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Author: MARIANGELA VAGLIO

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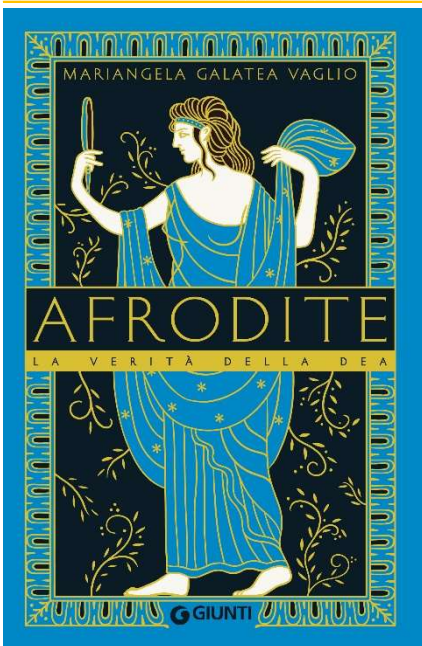
**A RETELLING OF THE COMPELLING STORY
OF THE BIRTH OF ROME, SHROUDED IN
LEGEND**

In the context of the first Latin settlements, amidst power struggles and gloomy atmospheres, Romulus and Remus are born - it is said through the intervention of the god Mars - to Rea Silvia, vestal daughter of Numitore, king of Alba Longa killed by his brother Amulius. The twins, separated at birth from their mother, who is condemned by the cruel

Amulius, survive thanks to the mercy of a shepherd and grow up strong and united. But what was an apparently unbreakable relationship of brotherhood is distorted by a prediction that points to them as the founders of a great city, and nothing will be the same as before, because only one will be able to become the king of those lands near Ruma, the bend of the Tiber that was uninhabited until then...

That of Romulus and Remus, figures suspended between myth and history, is perhaps the most significant founding myth of our culture: it is an exciting story, full of twists and turns. **Mariangela Galatea Vaglio's pen, with its engaging style and accurate historical research, constructs a narrative that gives a new and fresh perspective to the legend of the twins who founded the eternal city.**

Mariangela Galatea Vaglio (Trieste, 1972) lives and works in Venice. Lecturer, journalist, author of short stories and historical essays, she curates the Facebook page Pillole di Storia, followed by over 85 thousand people. Her most successful books include: *Teodora, la figlia del circo* (Sonzogno, 2018), *Cesare, l'uomo che ha reso grande Roma* (Giunti, 2020) and *Afrodite* (Giunti, 2024).



Author: MARIANGELA GALATEA VAGLIO
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 (AFRODITE. LA VERITÀ DELLA DEA)

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BORN IN THE EAST AS ISHTAR OR ASTARTE, HEIR TO THE GREAT NEOLITHIC MOTHER GODDESS, GODDESS OF EVERYTHING, APHRODITE WAS ADOPTED BY THE GREEKS INTO THEIR PANTHEON. COHABITATION, HOWEVER, SOON PROVED DIFFICULT BECAUSE HER HABITS AND NATURE CONFLICTED WITH THE PATRIARCHAL 'RULES' OF THE OLYMPIANS, AND SO THE GREEKS REWROTE HER MYTHS IN AN ATTEMPT TO LIMIT HER INFLUENCE IN HUMAN AFFAIRS. IN THIS BOOK, THE GODDESS OF LOVE AND ROMANCE, NATURE'S MOST POWERFUL FORCE, TELLS HER STORY IN A LONG MONOLOGUE THAT AIMS TO EXPOSE THEIR LIES AND EXPLAIN THE REAL STORY, WITH A DECIDEDLY FEMINIST SLANT.

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The Prolog To Mortals

Everything you think you know about me is false.

Every image. Every idea. Every word.

I know what goes on in your heads when you hear my name.

The goddess of love. And away we go, a deluge of statues, and paintings, in which there is me, portrayed without veils. As I am born from a seashell, in the middle of the sea, or, more bourgeoisly, bathing surrounded by jugs and incense burners of perfume, drying my hair, wearing a peplos that slips off me, leaving me almost naked, or completely naked. And then lying on soft beds, holding the apple of victory after defeating my rivals, or seated on thrones, or driving chariots drawn by doves, with a surround of funny winged cupids to keep me company.

Aphrodite the beautiful: for you I am always smiling, elegant, glossy. A magazine cover goddess, a chic goddess, the forerunner of all the trophy wives dressed by fashionable designers, of the glamorous actresses and supermodels who parade down the catwalks swathed in glittering gowns, their hair in order, their make-up perfect. The goddess of love and desire, but a homologated desire, a product of your world, banal, predictable like all mass-produced things: domesticated.

A goddess who does not live, does not act, does not create: she decorates a world of males, designed for them.

At most she arouses some juicy gossip for her licentious conduct, when she takes younger, handsome and not particularly sharp-eyed lovers for mates, or attracts the scorn of moralists because she protects adulterous heroines, and even prostitutes. But basically, an inoffensive, superficial, unimaginative panderer for the languid couplings of romance novels or inspirer of some spicier adventure, fit to be whispered about in alcoves.

To this you have reduced me, ungrateful mortals.

You have no idea who I am.

You have forgotten me. You have debased me, belittled me, mutilated me. You have reduced a primordial force of the cosmos to a fairy tale fit for your homes, your little world of pre-packaged talk and sentiment.

You have no idea who I really am.

It is time and time for someone to remind you.

In a long monologue, the goddess Aphrodite confesses by telling her story. Which is not the one we are all used to knowing.

Aphrodite is considered the goddess of falling in love and of love itself, a graceful and 'light' presence on Olympus, the trophy wife of Hephaestus, the protector of Paris, the somewhat bungling mother of Aeneas, who accompanies handsome young men and basically decorates Olympus with her loveliness.

In reality, the goddess is the most powerful force of nature, the one that allows the cosmos to exist and remain united. If, over the centuries, Western culture has forgotten her true role, it is due to the Greeks' reworking of her archaic and powerful figure and the patriarchal culture that has attempted to erase all traces of her.

Aphrodite's monologue aims precisely at exposing their lies and explaining the real story, with a distinctly feminist vein.

The Greeks themselves before Homer knew well that she was not included in the genealogies of the Olympians, but was born directly from the blood of Uranus. Born in the East as Ishtar or Astarte, heiress of the great Neolithic mother goddesses, goddesses of everything, Aphrodite is recounted by the Greeks who adopt her into their Pantheon, but cohabitation is immediately difficult.

Her habits and nature conflict with the patriarchal 'rules' of the Olympians, and so the Greeks rewrite her myths trying to limit her influence in human affairs. Aphrodite hates Homer and the mythographers and now wants justice and recognition. It is a feminist Aphrodite, terribly angry and fed up with millennia of lies about her that will be told.

Her first disappointment is the death of Adonis. The young man is her favourite, but their story is not that of a cheap romance between a cougar and a toyboy from mythology. Adonis is not so much a lover as a son of the goddess, representing the vigour of vegetation and spring, born of Aphrodite herself and living in symbiosis with her. He has many names: Tammuz, Damuzi, in the East, even Dionysus.

The myth is distorted by the Greeks who do not tolerate a male subordinate to a goddess. Thus Adonis is recounted as a foiled youth. His role in the myth is given to Persephone, who is abducted by Hades and is a woman, so she can be told as weak and submissive to another woman, her mother Demeter.

Adonis, on the other hand, is made to die and Aphrodite has to go to pity Persephone, who then has him killed by Ares.

Another reworked story is that of her marriage. According to the Vulgate, Zeus at one point forces Aphrodite to marry Hephaestus, because her beauty and freedom are considered disturbing even on Olympus. Aphrodite does not love her husband, even though she ultimately esteems him. But her nature does not allow her to be faithful and in fact she betrays him with Ares, whom she does not esteem at all. Hephaestus discovers this and imprisons the lovers in a golden spider web and shows them off to Olympus all in mockery. Aphrodite, enraged, leaves him and he marries Aglaia, one of the Graces, who is a goddess of beauty and that's all, almost an Aphrodite dimidiata. In reality, Aphrodite and Hephaestus have been a couple since Minoan Crete, when they supervised the light and smelting of metals. Hephaestus was one of her many co-partners, so intelligent that he was not jealous because he was aware that he was the spouse of a very powerful and inarguable force of nature that made him alive and active too.

But the real affront to Aphrodite takes place in the myths concerning the Trojan War. Here, first Aphrodite is portrayed as a wench competing with Athena and Hera for the apple of Eris, then as a schemer who promises

Helen to Paris despite the fact that she is already married to Menelaus, and thus recklessly causes the Trojan War.

The reality is quite different. Helen and Aphrodite have a long-standing bond; Helen herself is originally a minor goddess in Aphrodite's court, linked to the cult of trees and the story of Adonis. Aphrodite is the protector of a couple that defies the laws of patriarchal society and does not accept the rules.

During the war, Aphrodite cares for the Trojans and fights by their side, even though Homer reduces her role to a vain one and has her injured in the war: she, the warrior goddess of the East, is beaten by Diomedes and scolded by Zeus!

He makes her out to be an overprotective mother, just as he tells her affair with Anchises as the story of a little man who boasts of having seduced a goddess.

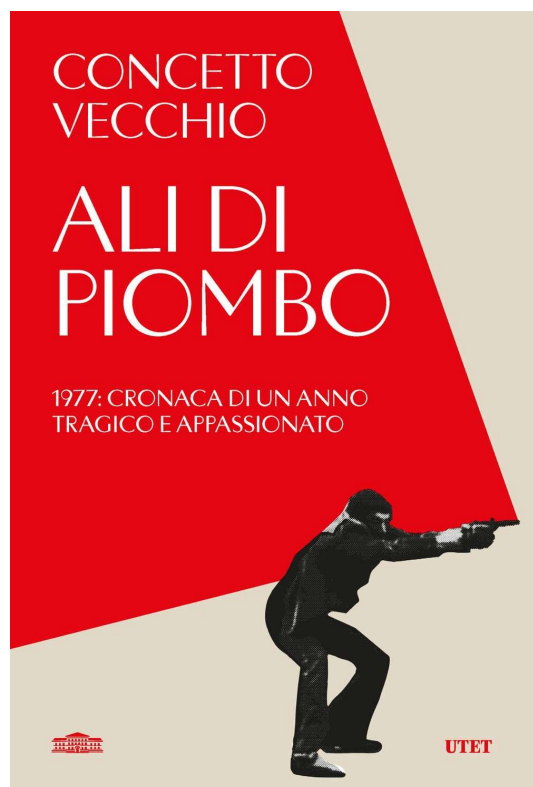
In reality, Aphrodite engages in a long struggle against Fate itself in Troy, trying to save a city that the Greeks want to condemn.

In the aftermath of the fall, she is left with her son Aeneas. Aphrodite hates Homer and instead loves Virgil, who has been able to recount her heartbreak as goddess and mother. And she loves the Romans, whom she considers her avengers. She intervenes in the affairs of her son, whom she loves because he is not a 'Homeric' hero, but is much less 'toxic', much more fragile and multifaceted, although unfortunately she realises that he does not have sufficient character to subvert the patriarchal system in which he is immersed, and therefore in the end does not have the courage to disobey Zeus.

He tries to set him up with Dido, here again fighting against fate, because he would like to have him united with a woman of character, and not with the washed-up Lavinia who instead is functional to the patriarchal world order. He will not succeed and so he will help him settle in Latium, waiting for the gens Julia to be born from that land of hard peasants, with Caesar, one of his favourites, with the tough women of his descendants and with the Roman women, who, unlike the Greek women, will really be his daughters and despite a thousand difficulties will often hold up the empire more and better than the men.

And now, in the contemporary era, Aphrodite awaits her redemption, for she sees in the women of today her true daughters, ready to rise up and take their rightful place in the world.

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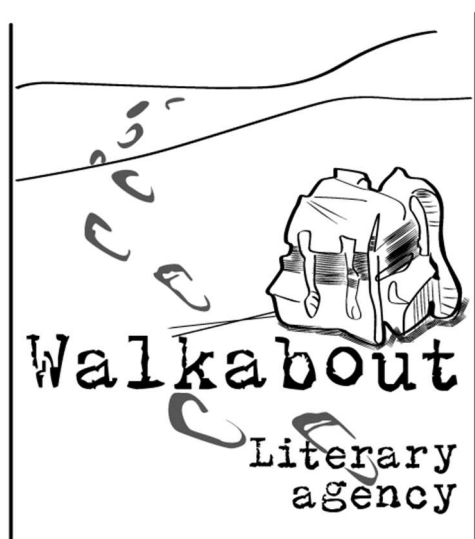
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On 3 February 1977, a procession of thousands of students marched from the Faculty of Letters at the University of Rome. The previous day a violent clash between the collectives and a fascist squad had put

the campus to the sword. A twenty-two-year-old leftist boy ended up in hospital with a bullet to the back of the head. Many wanted revenge, and when the demonstration arrived in front of a Youth Front office, the scuffles began. Machine guns, pistols, cobblestones, molotov cocktails. Rome burns. The next day, the wounded are counted: most of them are youngsters little more than teenagers. Thus begins the passionate chronicle of one of the most tragic years in the history of our country. The State seems to waver in the face of the dramatic rise of the Red Brigades, which in Turin kill the president of the Bar Association Fulvio Croce and the deputy director of the 'Stampa' Carlo Casalegno. For months, street clashes, ambushes and political violence ensue. Heroin claimed many victims. But those days were not only lead and blood. In the seventies, free radios were born, TV became colour, numerous reforms were enacted: divorce, abortion, the health service, family law, the workers' statute. Concetto Vecchio went back to the theatres where history was made, Bologna, Rome and Turin, met dozens of witnesses, journalists, scholars and reconstructed the events that marked those months with the precision of the reporter and the quick pace of the narrator. In the end, he gives us a vibrant portrait of the year in which Republican Italy lost its innocence.

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“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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