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MIDDLE GRADE / YOUNG ADULT



Susanna Mattiangele, Mariachiara Di Giorgio

ALDO & ROSA

A story for those who welcome all the possibilities and also for those who, at least, try to do so.

SUSANNA MATTIANGELI

Rome, 1971. She graduated in history of Art. She works for the theater and stop-motion animations and deals with drawing, manipulation, stop-motion and narrative techniques projects for children. In 2018 she was a finalist in the Strega Girls and Boys Prize with "Numeri felici" (Vànvare Edizioni) and won the Andersen Prize as Best Writer. Her books have been translated in France, Spain, Germany, US, China, Turkey, Portugal.

MARIACHIARA DI GIORGIO

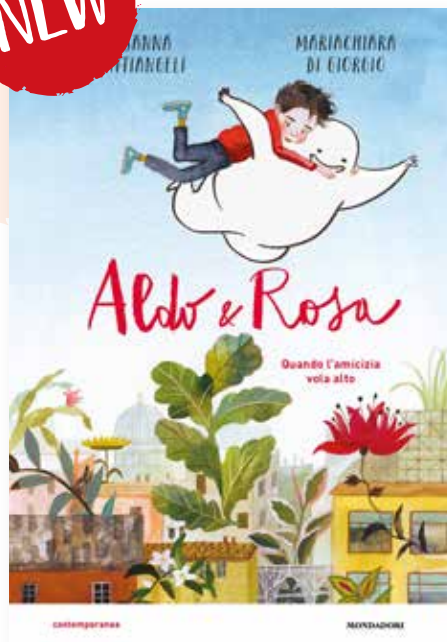
Rome, 1983. She studied illustration at the IED in Rome and at the ENSAD in Paris. She works as a cartoonist, storyboard artist and concept designer for films and commercials. Her works have been exhibited at the Bologna Children's Book Fair (2015, 2016) and at the 58th edition of the Society of Illustrators in New York. In 2018 she won the Sorcière prize, Luigi Malerba prize and the Andersen Prize with "Professione coccodrillo" (Topipittori) as the best silent book of the year. Her books are published in France, UK, Spain, The Netherlands, Germany, Spain.

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18 x 25,5 cm | 160 pages | hardcover
ill. Mariachiara di Giorgio
March 2021

NEW



Friendship beyond imagination.

Are dreams and thoughts imaginary or real? What a question, of course they are real: we see them, we hear them; sometimes we smell them. They are something invisible which, however, always accompanies us and which can take many shapes. Rosa's thoughts are shaped like Aldo, her gentle companion, her funny invisible friend, large enough to hold everything a little girl can think of: dreams, ideas and most of all questions. Rosa likes all kind of questions except those of careless people who always ask her: are you a boy or a girl? Rosa has very short hair and for this reason she is often considered a boy. How can they not see that Rosa is Rosa and that is enough? Thoughts can spring from the head, take on different forms and curious names. Rosa's look like a soft and welcoming cloud: Aldo. Together they venture around the world to seek out-of-the-ordinary answers.

From the stunning imagination
of two internationally
awarded authors a somewhat ironic
and a little philosophical graphic novel
that makes us understand how important
is to face growth challenges together
with a good friend.



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Antonella De Biasi

ZEHRA. THE GIRL WHO PAINTED THE WAR

This is the first book about Zehra's story featuring her own ad-hoc illustrations.

Zehra Doğan is a Kurdish woman who lives on the border with Syria. She has loved to paint, ever since she was little, filtering reality with her favourite colours: periwinkle blue, watermelon red, jade green. When her city, Nusaybin, is bombed by the Turkish army, Zehra depicts it in a painting called "the Kurdish Guernica". She is imprisoned for having shown the horrors of war, deprived of her brushes and colours, but not of her desire for peace and justice.



Provisional cover

The true story of a young woman who used her art to denounce the horrors of war.

ANTONELLA DE BIASI

is a rising star in Italian narrative. Having trained in sociology, she works for various publications as a freelance essayist and journalist, writing predominantly on the Middle East.

ZEHRA DOĞAN

is a Kurdish artist and journalist who was imprisoned after painting the bombing of her city, Nusaybin, by the Turkish army. She has become a symbol in the art world for the fight against injustice, supported by artists such as Banksy (who dedicated a mural to her in New York). She currently lives in exile and her work is displayed in the most prestigious museums and galleries in the world. <https://zehradogan.net/>

A true story of courage and resilience that denounces the violence and lack of freedom experienced by civilians in every war, in a simple and imaginative way.

Zehra is a symbol in the art world for the fight against injustice, supported by artists such as Banksy. This is the first time that she has worked with an author to tell her story.

14 x 21,5 cm | 200 pages
hardcover w/jacket
ill. Zehra Doğan
June 2021

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Alessandro Q. Ferrari

ASK THE DREAMS TO MAKE NOISE

Arianna isn't scared of anything until the most devastating secret knocks at her door.

ALESSANDRO Q. FERRARI

is a rising star in YA and children's fiction. His debut novel, "Le ragazze non hanno paura" (DeA) sold more than 20,000 copies. He is a scriptwriter for comics, cartoons and TV series. In 2016 his graphic novel, Star Wars. The Original Trilogy became a global bestseller, entering the New York Times top ten. Since 2006, Alessandro has worked with De Agostini, The Walt Disney Company, Lucasfilm, Rainbow, Rai, Luxvide, Zodiak, Rizzoli/Lizard.



NEW

Arianna has colourless hair and is dead.

Or at least, that's how she's felt for nearly a year. In order to help her family who are having a hard time, she spends the summer as an au pair with a wealthy family in Rome. Her dreams died along with her that terrible night a few months ago, but the nightmares never leave her. She has the same one every night, in which a woman enters the house looking for her. Then, one day, the doorbell rings... and it is her. Together with Nicola, the young bike delivery guy she is in love with, Arianna flees Rome for Milan and her grandfather's house. She is sure she can leave everything behind and start afresh, but the most painful secrets need to be shared and dealt with...

A story of redemption. A bildungsroman with a hint of thriller.

A protagonist who stands out from the crowd, unafraid to show her fragility and fear, and transforming them into her greatest strength.

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14 x 21,5 cm
250 pages
hardcover w/jacket
May 2021

In this book, powerful writing combines with striking dialogues and an unpredictable plot that leave nowhere to hide.

Nicoletta Bortolotti

THOSE WEREN'T STARS IN THE SKY

A powerful story that deals with the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

NICOLETTA BORTOLOTTI

is a celebrated author for children and adults alike. Born in Switzerland, she lives in Milan where she works in publishing. Her novels include "Chiamami sottovoce" (Harper-Collins, 2018), which won the Premio Alvaro Bigiaretti, leading to the making of the RAI3 documentary film, "E qualcosa rimane" (Besa Muci, 2020) and "Disegnavo pappagalli verdi alla fermata del metrò" (Giunti, 2020). "In piedi nella neve" (Einaudi, 2015) won her the Gigante delle Langhe prize and the Premio Cento. She has already published "Sulle onde della libertà" (2015) with Mondadori Ragazzi, which was shortlisted for the Bancarellino Prize and awarded the Comoinrosa Prize.



NEW

A choral novel written with passion and grace, that uses the active voices of a fox, a young boy and the cloud itself to retrace the memory of one of the most dramatic events in contemporary history.

On April 26th 1986, Chernobyl in Ukraine wakes up and finds itself entirely changed.

An explosion destroys the nuclear power plant, releasing a toxic cloud that spreads and lands everywhere, changing the colours of the forest, making animals and people sick. Since then five years has passed, Omar, a boy who lives in Northern Italy, knows nothing about all this until a Ukrainian girl comes to spend a month with him, away from the radiation. Vassilissa doesn't speak and rarely reveals her kind smile. She is mistrustful, as is Omar. Telling the tale of what has happened are three narrators: a red fox, who sees unnatural mutations in its forest home; the radioactive cloud that tells us how and why it was freed from the Lenin nuclear power station that day; and Omar, an Italian boy who, five years after the incident, hosts Vassilissa for a summer, a girl who needs to breathe clean air and find a friend.

What if friendship
was actually
the best medicine
for fear?

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14 x 21,5 cm | 200 pages
hardcover w/jacket
ill. Francesca D'Ottavi
May 2021

An invitation to reflect on highly relevant themes: the use of clean and sustainable energy sources, the fight against climate change, respect for life and the need to guarantee health and wellbeing for all human beings.

Amalia Ercoli-Finzi, Elvina Finzi

BEYOND THE FURTHEST STAR

Two girls from yesterday, a single dream to pursue.

Amalia is a curious child: she loves the stars, understanding how things work and making grandiose plans for her future despite the fact the war is raging all around her. A war in which her father is fighting alongside the partisans. Thirty years later, little Elvina dreams of becoming an important woman, just like her manager father, and this is why she hates it so very much when they tell her “girls can’t do this or that”, such as playing with Lego, being a builder or an astronaut. Two childhoods separated in time but bound by their shared passion for science and freedom.



NEW

A novel with two narrators,
two childhoods that run parallel before coming together:
the future is always possible, whatever it might be,
if you fight to make it happen.

The childhood of the first woman to graduate in Engineering in Italy: a girl of yesterday as a role model for all the girls of today.

AMALIA ERCOLI-FINZI

was born in 1937. In 1961 she is the first woman to graduate with honours in Engineering from Milan's Politecnico. Since then, she has had many firsts and today – having worked with NASA and the Italian and European space agencies, having “given birth” to Rosetta, the probe that landed on a comet after travelling for ten years with astounding accuracy – Ercoli-Finzi became the “lady of the comet”.

ELVINA FINZI

class of 1976, has a doctorate in Nuclear Engineering. She works for one of the world's largest producers of glasses and lenses and has a clear view of the importance of aiming for real gender equality. Since childhood, her family, all engineers, instilled in her a sense of competition and a love for science and technology. She hopes, in turn, to pass this on to her two daughters.

14 x 21,5 cm | 180 pages
hardcover w/jacket
ill. Carla Manea
May 2021

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NEW

When he finds out from the BBC that Prime Minister Boris Johnson is ill, Billy Hoopdriver decides to run away and travel 350 miles on a bike to reach his grandfather's care home because he made a promise.

This is Billy's journey on his bicycle Azzurra, along the country paths of England and Wales: the beautiful locations he sees, the people he meets along the way. But above all it is a path through the memories of his grandfather's stories, all linked to music personalities of the Seventies, who he claims to know well: from David Bowie to Keith Richards, Roger Waters of Pink Floyd and Robert Wyatt of Soft Machine. A sort of intimate and conspiratorial story of rock music. The relationship between Billy and his father – a man who can't hold down a job and drinks too much – is fragmentary and problematic. At the end Billy reaches the sea, at his grandfather's hospice home, and falls asleep on the grass, exhausted, having found – left there for him – a series of photos and a copy of his grandfather's legendary album. He is woken by his grandfather himself (or is his father?) who sits next to him saying: you've really messed up, haven't you, kid? Come on: tell me all about it.



Pierdomenico Baccalario HOOPDRIVER

350 miles on a bike along England, a journey through memories and the story of rock music.

PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO

is a writer and journalist, his books have sold millions of copies worldwide and have been translated into over 30 languages. Today he is considered one of the leading Italian children's authors. He is the founder of the storytelling agency Book on a Tree. His best-known series include: "Ulysses Moore" (Piemme) with 4 million copies sold worldwide and "The Desert Foxes" (Mondadori), a finalist in the Strega Ragazzi Prize 2019.

An of intimate
and conspiratorial story
of rock music.

Where are you going, Billy? I'm going south.
And why, Billy-who's-going-south? Because I made a promise.

14 x 21,5 cm | 272 pages
hardcover w/jacket
ill. Chiara Irene Conti
February 2021

14+

Alice Keller

THINGS I HAVE

A story that scratches and superbly tells the passage to adulthood with a poetic and sharp writing.

ALICE KELLER

born in Bologna in 1988, graduated in dramaturgy, spent some years between the study of music and the boards of the stage. She writes texts for picture books, comics and novels for children and teenagers translated in France, Germany, Spain, Russia, Switzerland. Among these, "In the Belly of the Whale" finalist at the Andersen Prize and "Upstream" (Orbil Balloon Prize). In 2016 she opened Momo, a bookstore for children and teenagers in Ravenna.



In a sleepy province, among grown-ups who are always too distracted, a group of completely different teenagers faces the biggest challenge: growing up.

Deborah is 13, she has a little brother on the way, a father who is never there, a body that speaks a language she doesn't understand, she has a bicycle whizzing on small town roads and some friends, with whom she shares the school, the skate camp. And the tracks. The challenge, in the muddy grass of the hill, is to be able to keep your eyes open while the air displacement comes as a slap and the rattling of the wagons makes everything else disappear. A child's play, easy as a pie. But when the need to assert oneself takes over, the game overwhelms and becomes extreme, like the emotions that Deborah and her friends still don't know how to recognize or control.

A poetic writing. A continuous narrative tension that nails the reader.

«We all think we live forever. Even when we run into trucks. We hold our breath. We bang our heads against the wall. I'm sure you thought so too.»

12+

14 x 21,5 cm | pages 216
hardcover w/jacket
ill. Giulia Pex
September 2020

A book that recalls the atmosphere of "Stand By Me" and "13 Reasons Why".

Annamaria Piccione

THE DIVINE COMEDY FOR CHILDREN

The masterpiece of Italian literature retold for the youngest of readers on the 700th anniversary of Dante Alighieri's death.

ANNAMARIA PICCIONE

was born in 1964 and lives between Siracusa and Palermo. As well as writing theatre plays, she has also published many books for children and adolescents dealing with important themes such as legality, migration and integration. With Mondadori she has published “Una sorellina paranormale” and “I miti delle stelle”.

FRANCESC ROVIRA

born in Barcelona in 1958, is a renowned children's illustrator. Through the magic of his watercolours he is able to recreate the most tender and expressive details of all his characters.



“It was a spring night when it all began. I had just reached middle age, but I was not calm. Much like the world around me, I had embarked on a slippery slope and could see no way out.”

These are the opening lines of this version of the Divine Comedy in prose, which reworks for children one of the most fascinating stories in world literature. In this faithful and highly original adaptation, the Comedy is transformed into an adventure novel that leads Dante into the three kingdoms of the beyond, through unexpected encounters, breathtaking scenes, grumbling demons and angelic song, on a journey back through his memory and ever deeper into himself, led by reason, faith and sentiment.

Accompanied by the light-hearted and ironic images by Francesc Rovira, this prose provides us with all of the poetry found in this unique work, which continues even today to capture the imaginations of young and old alike.



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16,6 x 22,5 cm | 200 pages
hardcover w/jacket
ill. Francesc Rovira
February 2021

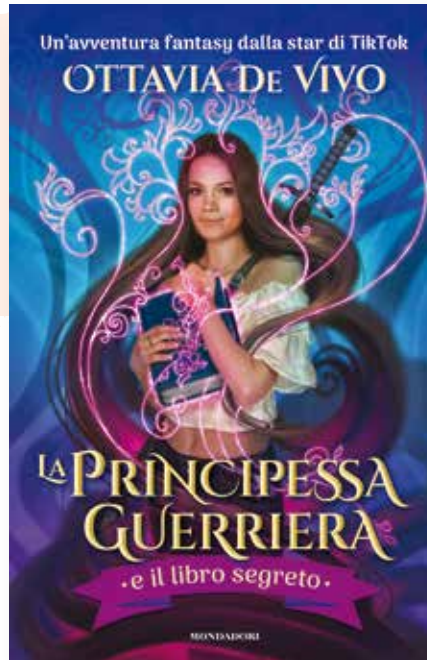
Ottavia De Vivo

THE WARRIOR PRINCESS AND THE MAGIC SECRET BOOK

A girl with long hair and a magic book able to transform her into a warrior princess surrounded by unicorns, magic and first love!

OTTAVIA DE VIVO

is an internationally-known Italo-American influencer with over 1.7 million followers on TikTok and 53 thousand followers on Instagram. This is her first novel.



A fantastical adventure that moves between reality and magic, in which a teenager like any other is transformed into a courageous and fighting princess.

School has just started and Ottavia's class has just been joined by a very cute American boy who, like her, is a big fan of the "Blue Warrior" saga set in a fantastical world where young people attend an academy to become warriors like in "Game of Thrones". When something goes wrong, Ottavia ends up inside the book. With her shining armour and her thick mane flowing in the wind, she rides her unicorn like a real warrior princess! But how will she get out?

A potent message of female independence and self-determination, where the girls save themselves.

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14 x 21,5 cm | 240 pages
hardcover w/jacket
May 2021

Gud

WHO'S BOYCOTTING CHRISTMAS?

A fun and original Christmas story in between comic and fiction.

DANIELE "GUD" BONOMO

is a Roman cartoonist and cartoonist who has been collaborating with the most important Italian comic book publishers for over ten years and teaches at the Academy of Comics in Florence and Jesi.



Why the toys of the house want to stop Santa at all costs? And will they succeed?

Bear and Unicorn are the most loved soft toys in the family but there is something that worries them a lot: Christmas is coming. Yep, because that troublemaker Santa will bring new toys that kids are looking forward to. What if because of the arrival of these intruders, children stop playing with them? There is only one thing left to do: stop Christmas!

Toy Story meets Christmas in this super fun story, that's perfect for holidays!

6+

14,4 x 20,7 cm | 56 pages
hardcover
ill. Gud
October 2020



Andra, Tatiana Bucci

THE TRUNK OF SECRETS. THE STORY OF THE GIRLS WHO SURVIVED AUSCHWITZ

More than 230,000 children from all over Europe were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau, only a few dozen survived. This is the extraordinary story of two of them.

A mysterious trunk, hidden for years in the basement, is finally opened and, memory after memory, object after object (a spoon, a pebble, a letter, a picture, a scrap of cloth ...) helps us to retrace an extraordinary story. March 28, 1944: the Perlow family, Jews from Fiume, are arrested and deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Escaped the brutal selections for a twist of fate, the two little sisters Tatiana and Andra, together with their cousin Sergio, are interned. Andra and Tati, nine month of experience cold and hunger, games in the snow and mud ... until a soldier appears, wearing a different uniform, a red star on his cap and a smile: it's January 27, 1945, the day of liberation.



The poignant story of two sisters who survived the Shoah.

TATIANA, ANDRA BUCCI

daughters of a Jewish mother, were taken to Auschwitz when they were only 6 and 4 years old and survived. Today Tatiana lives in Brussels, while Andra lives between the United States and Europe. Mondadori published their memoir "Noi bambine ad Auschwitz" in 2018. They're engaged in handing down Shoah's story to young generations.

It is always important to let the children
- who are the future of our country -
know our past. Precisely not to
make the same mistakes and try
not to remain indifferent to the events
that take place around us.

A sincere, richly illustrated novel
that tells the Shoah to young readers
and to all those who want to discover
this story for the first time.



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Lithuania ► Alma Littera

14 x 21,5 cm | 140 pages
hardcover w/jacket
ill. Elisabetta Stoinich
November 2020

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Cinzia Pennati

THERE ARE THINGS TO TELL THE CHILDREN

A strong, immediate and completely rhetoric-free book.

It is not always easy to make children understand what really matters in life: that one can fail and recover, that males can cry and females fight, that death and pain exist, but also joy and tenderness, that without the others we are nothing, that dreams do not always come true but the important thing is to continue to desire. A book that with essential words and illustrations summarizes what each parent would like to tell their child to prepare him to live his life intensely and courageously, facing fears, disappointments and happy moments, but above all free from prejudices and stereotypes.



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A message of love, honest and sincere from parents to one's children, to "prepare" them for the challenges and wonders of life.

CINZIA PENNATI

lives in Genoa with her two daughters. For twenty years she has been working as a teacher, experimenting innovative methods of teaching and social commitment. In December 2016 she opened a great impact blog, *Sosdonne.com*, which deals with school, women, discrimination and gender-based violence.



A text that comes from a very successful author's post on the blog *Sosdonne.com* more than two million visits over a year.



13,9 x 13,9 cm | 40 pages
hardcover
ill. Ludovica Paglino
October 2020

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Daria Bertoni

FREE. A FRIEND IN THE WAVES

The actions of the environmental protection associations intertwine with the emotion of a deep bond between a young girl and a whale.

DARIA BERTONI

was born in Milan and has worked for many years as a children's bookseller and publisher's agent. Her favourite things are books, gymnastics, travelling and dogs, but what she cares the absolute most about is encouraging young people of all ages to get into books. She wrote his debut novel "Balancing stars" for Mondadori.



A coming-of-age story that tells of courage and the fight to save the ocean.

When Alice learns that her parents are going to separate, she immediately blames her father who is a passionate whale researcher who spends too much time at sea, leaving Alice and her mum alone. When forced to spend the holidays with him out in the Atlantic Ocean, Alice also brings aboard the *Calypso* her anger about what's happening to her family and her long-standing fear of water. What she doesn't know, however, is that accompanying her on her sea adventure is a crew ready to make her feel at home and, even more importantly, Free, a blue whale who survived a terrible accident caused by man. Free is the greatest gift she receives, an anchor to cling unashamedly to, until something happens, that is, to put the whale and its little one in danger: it's up to Alice and her dad to work together to save them before it's too late.

«I'm eleven years old, I don't know anything about love,
I don't know what it means to love someone or what it means to stop loving them.
All I know is that last week I had a mum and dad, and a family, now all I have is an endless
ocean around me, somewhere in the middle of which there's a whale fighting
to save its little one. Hang in there, Free, we're on our way.»

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14 x 21,5 cm | 175 pages
hardcover w/jacket
ill. Daniele Gaspari
March 2020



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China ► Guangxi

Lodovica Cima

THE PAPER VOICE. LISTEN TO WHO YOU ARE

Her voice, now strong and clear, has found the words to tell her story.

One October evening in the late 1800s, an announcement was made to Marianna, advising her in a few, sparse words that she would be leaving the harsh country life to work in a paper mill in Lecco. Hers wasn't the first family to break the rhythm of days spent in the fields: Aunt Ada had already ventured into the world although not on the orders of her father; on the contrary, she had left of her own will to follow dreams and ideals that were incomprehensible to a world bound to tradition. With the example of her courageous, combative aunt in mind, Marianna embraced her new life, facing her own fears and the prejudice of others.

She is sustained by the solidarity of the generous woman around her and encouraged by their example; sensing Marianna's willingness to learn, they share their experience with her and the young girl masters the only real tool that can earn her her freedom: words. With dogged resolve, she learns to read and write, and becomes empowered to share this route to freedom with others, setting her sights higher and higher to become the person she would like to be. Her voice, now strong and clear, has found the words to tell her story.



Finalist at
Bancarellino
Prize 2021

This is the story of how Marianna grows up and learns the words that take her to the route of freedom.

LODOVICA CIMA

was born in Lecco, Italy, and now lives and works in Milan. She has written more than two hundred books for young readers and worked in children's publishing for more than twenty years. Lodovica collaborates with trade journals and is part of the teaching staff on the publishing master's course at Milan University and at the Alberto and Arnoldo Mondadori Foundation. In 2017, she set up a specialist children's press, Pelledoca, focusing on thrillers, noir and mystery fiction.

«Dare to dare Marianna, seize the moment, don't let opportunities pass you by, no matter how big or small. Think of them as pearls that will one day join together to make a precious necklace.»

14 x 21,5 cm | 192 pages
hardcover w/jacket
ill. Ilaria Zanellato
March 2020

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Claudio Rossi Marcelli

A WHOLE OTHER PLANET. AN ALIEN SEEKING THE PERFECT FAMILY

A story about kaleidoscopic families, respect and overcoming prejudice.

CLAUDIO ROSSI MARCELLI

is a journalist and writer, with a longstanding focus on families and civil rights. He curates the Dear Daddy column for "Internazionale", replying to questions from children and parents (same sex and other combinations) and has become one of most popular gay fathers in Italy. Writing the *Strade Blu* series for Mondadori, he published *Hello Daddy!* and "My heart skipped a beat", both autobiographical novels, one featuring same-sex parents, the other a love story between two boys. He lives in Rome with his three children.



Is there such a thing as a typical Earth family?

Dad, mum, son, daughter, dog and cat. All bound together by an invisible glue. This is how the inhabitants of the florescent planet Ottta see the typical earthly family, their own lives filled with sadness and destined to a life forever alone. But...the Otttians take the decision to save their civilisation from decline and send young Lotsi to planet Earth, on the night of Halloween, so his alien appearance will not stand out. Lotsi teams up with two sisters, Luna and Clio, and together they go from house to house, asking, "Trick or treat?" Each time a door opens, the extrasensory vision of the extra-terrestrial sees into microcosms of life and sentiment to read the family's history. But this discombobulates everything and upsets the notions the alien had on what human families are like. Will Lotsi eventually learn the secret ingredient that keeps such diverse families together, making them happy, each in their own unique way?

10+

14 x 21,5 cm | 140 pages
hardcover w/jacket
ill. Margherita Morellini
February 2020

«Lotsi here. I am near my destination:
planet Earth is within sight, I am ready
to begin the mission. Objective: learn
how to be a family, over and out.»

Fabio Geda, Marco Magnone

THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

A noir-tinged love story that will never leave you, set against the backdrop of the Berlin wall.

Berlin 1974. Sven is 15, Chloe is 14. Sven is kind, laidback and has a huge heart. Chloe is the opposite, she's wild and impenetrable, politically-active and in thrall of Berlin's cultural scene. The only thing Sven can do to get Chloe's attention is to talk to her about his twenty-six year old friend Kurt who smuggles contraband LPs, clothes, alcohol and other items from West to East Berlin. What Sven doesn't know, however, is that Kurt is in love with a girl who lives in East Berlin and he and Chloe get wound up in his plan to get her out...



A mystery novel set in an important period of world history.

FABIO GEDA

was born and lives in Turin. He's a prolific and talented authors published by among others Mondadori, Feltrinelli, Einaudi... With "In the sea there are crocodiles", his third novel, he achieved notoriety in Italy and in 30 countries around the world. He teaches at the Holden School and has been dealing with child discomfort for a long time.

MARCO MAGNONE

was born in 1981 in Asti and lives in Turin. He's the author of the coming of age story "My Indigo Summer" (2019) and he's co-author with Fabio Geda of the successful "Berlin" series. He has written travel guides and diaries. He teaches at the Holden School and collaborates with various realities engaged in promoting reading among young readers.

«I didn't sleep that night. I was thinking about Chloe. I was jealous of Kurt who was en-route to save the girl he loved. Lying in my bed, I dreamt that Chloe was in the East and I was organising her escape: I got her across the check point hidden in a truck, and when we were safely on the other side, in the west, I freed her and she threw her arms around my neck, kissed me and told me what a hero I'd been...»

14 x 21,5 | pages 250
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Viviana Mazza

THE GIRL WHO LEARNED TO FLY

*The true story of Simone Biles,
the greatest gymnast ever!*

VIVIANA MAZZA

is born in Catania in 1978. A journalist for the newspaper Corriere della Sera, she writes for the foreign news desk about the stories of men and women from Alaska to Pakistan. She's been one of the first reporters telling the story of Malala, more than 90.000 copies in Italy and rights sold to Brazil > Ediouro Publicações; France > Gallimard; Germany > Dtv; Japan > Kin-No-Hoshi. Mondadori has also published "Nelson Mandela as a Boy" (Brazil), "Stolen Girls", and "Dream Warriors" (Germany).



Simone Biles' is an epic story of sport that shows that the courage to believe in yourself and overcome prejudice wins every time.

Simone is 143 cm small, yet as a gymnast she's a giant! She has broken every world record there is to break, won 23 world medals, had two jumps named after her, jumps that only she can do, and will be competing in her last ever Olympics in July. Simone's life—and her difficult past, her ability to fight back, the gymnasium she founded—are described through the eyes of a young African American girl who dreams of becoming a gymnast even though everyone says she doesn't have the right body for it. Simone and her story are proof that dreams come true.

The Times has ranked Simone as one of the 10 most influential Millennials in the world, she was twice named the Laureus World Sport Awards athlete of the year.

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14 x 21,5 cm | pages 160
hardcover w/jacket
ill. Elisa Macellari
June 2020

Viviana Mazza

GRETA. THE GIRLS WHO'S CHANGING THE WORLD

How Greta from invisible and silent teenager, too small to do the difference, has become the leader of a worldwide movement. She doesn't know what she will be when she grows up, but one thing is certain: she will continue to fight to have a future.

Greta Thunberg is Swedish, she loves dogs and horses. She likes school but on Friday, every Friday, she skips lessons to go on strike against the climate change. She sits in front of the Swedish Parliament with a sign and protest. She knows that the environmental situation of our planet is on the brink of the abyss and that if we don't immediately begin doing something concrete, in just a few years the problem will reach the point of no return. Therefore she decided that if adults do nothing to solve the problem it is up to the girls and boys to force them not to destroy their future. First Greta has changed her way of living and eating, then she convinced her family to do the same. And with the "strike for the climate" she succeeded to involve millions of peers throughout the world to make their voice heard everywhere.



Grown ups desperately need good examples.

With an accurate dossier on the climate crisis by the scientist Elena Gatti.

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A narrative non fiction book told by a passionate voice and with journalistic accuracy and ethics.



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Greta shows the world that all together, we can do the difference.

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May 2019

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Bianca Chiabrando

MY NAME IS ALICE. ADVENTURES AND MISADVENTURES IN THE WORLD OF TALKING BOOKS

What if books came to life, could speak, laugh and argue just like us?

BIANCA CHIABRANDO

is born in Milan in 1999 where she still lives and attends university. She made her children's literature debut at age 15 when she published "The 3D Case. Tales of a Class that Was Beyond Repair".



A refreshingly ironic adventure story in a (delicate) balance between reality and fiction.

What happens when the doors of the Ariosto library are shut, the lights go off and silence falls on the reading room? Well, it's obvious: the books stop pretending they're not alive, they flap their pages and get together as a group. Yes, you've got it, books can talk, they're alive and... you'll be surprised to hear, while we read them, *they're reading us*. This happens to Alice (in Wonderland) when she ends up in the hands of avid reader and aspiring young writer Michele Pepe, then Nina Specchi who is grappling with her first novel to illustrate so she can pass the year at school. Both leave objects of value among the pages of the book but when they go back to the library to find them, they discover that Alice has gone. Has someone borrowed her? No, worse than that: she was kidnapped!

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ill. Erika De Pieri
April 2020



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10,000
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Fabio Genovesi

ROLANDO FROM THE GRAVEYARD

A modern fairytale told in a fresh and irreverent writing style.

Rolando lives in the cemetery, together with his uncle, who is its guardian. Rolando leaves the house only to go to school where the other kids avoid him as an odd type. So Rolando has no friends except for the blackbird Cip. One day the Gini cousins, Marisa and Mirko, appear among the tombstones, so finally Rolando finds two friends of his age! But the Gini cousins are ghosts and they will soon disappear in the Great Hole forever. To rescue them Rolando has to venture on Monte Pupazzo, up to Dark Blackness, to find the Red Thing by midnight the next day, which is Rolando's birthday exactly. Rolando starts a journey with Cip through uncontaminated nature that turns into a sensational enterprise in company of unforgettable characters: a careless junkyard, a cross-eyed hunter, an elegant and refined female boar, and a wild girl who lives in the woods, that goes by Tiger.



A modern fairytale told in a fresh and irreverent writing style.

FABIO GENOVESI

was born in Forte dei Marmi, Lucca, 1974. He is an author much loved by the public and critics. Mondadori published the novels *Esche vive*, *Versilia Rock City*, *Chi manda le onde* (Award Strega Giovani 2015) and *Il mare dove non si tocca*. He writes for the "Corriere della Sera", "La Lettura" and "Io Donna". *Rolando from the Graveyard* is his first novel for children. His books have been sold so far to Germany (Bastei Luebbe, Anton Kippenberg, Random House), France (Lib. Arthème Fayard, J. C. Lattès), Brazil (Bertrand, Valentina) US (Other Press, E7O), Israel (Keter Books, Miskal Publisher), The Netherlands (Uitgeverij A.W. Bruna), Spain (Espasa Libros), Bulgaria, Denmark (Forlaget Palomar), Albania (Dudaj), Korea (Hyundae Munhak), Greece (Patakis).

A universal story about the power of friendship, the importance of face our fears and enjoying to be the way we are.



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Beatrice Masini

STORY OF MAY. LITTLE WOMAN

Set in the world of Louisa May Alcott, author of *Little Women*, a highly relevant story for our times revealing the multifaceted charm of utopias.

Set in America, nineteenth century. May is still a child and yet she has already learnt what it means to have your life changed. When her parents move all the family from their small hometown of Concord to Heaven, a place where they want to create a perfect community, nothing is as it was before. In Heaven eating meat is forbidden, animals are not harmed, the modest clothes worn are all made from linen. It is true that May can now plunge into the shimmering water of Lake Walden whenever she desires and be soothed by The Good Man's flute playing. In addition not everyone has a tribe of Native Indians for neighbours or gets to learn how to climb trees thanks to a local called Two Moons. But deep down May never chose this new life, and the only way for her to accept her new confined new world is to reinvent it and make it seem even more beautiful in her letters to Martha, her friend back in town.

«Grow wild according to your nature.»



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*An intense and moving story
written by an incredible talent.*

BEATRICE MASINI

is an author, editor and translator. Her work includes translating the five books in the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. Her books have been translated in over 20 countries and she has received prestigious prizes such as the Pippi award (2002), the Elsa Morante award (2009) and the Campiello award (2013). She has won the Italian Andersen prize five times – the latest in 2018, with “Il buon viaggio”, illustrated by Gianni De Conno both as an author and a translator.

*A deep and intelligent reflection
on writing and imagination,
and growing up feeling different.*

Beatrice Masini is one of Italy's most highly regarded writers and her new book will not fail to disappoint even the highest expectations.

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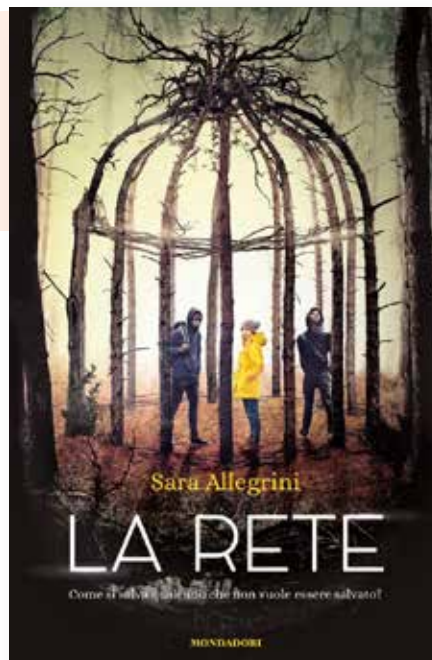
Sara Allegrini

THE NET

A story which doesn't preach, where, just as in real life, not everything ends well.

SARA ALLEGGRINI

an emerging new talent to keep an eye on, already a finalist for the Bancarellino prize, proving she has a deep knowledge of the world of children, their strengths and their fragility.



How do you save someone who doesn't want to be saved?

Daniel is left abandoned in the middle of a wood by a father who no longer knows what to do with him. Maddalena wakes up in a hut, confused, with the vague recollection of having ended up in hospital again after spending the evening in a nightclub. Eliah is convinced that he has been arrested, but he also finds himself in a wood, without a clue how he ended up in such a place.

Why are they there? How can they escape? And who sends the strange messages which they find around them, pushing them to do things they never dreamed of doing? And most importantly, what is the Net?

A book that will have you on the edge of your seat.

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BIANCA PITZORNO

The most popular Italian children's author who sold 2,500,000 copies of her books.

BIANCA PITZORNO

born in Sassari, but now lives in Milan. She studied Ancient Texts at university in prehistoric Archaeology, then attended The School of Higher Studies in Social Communication in Milan. She worked for RAI, creating successful cultural and children's programmes. She is considered Italy's most important children's writer, with over 40 books for children and adults published in France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, Greece, Macedonia, Poland, Hungary, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey, Brazil, Korea, Croatia, China and Japan.

«What she loves is telling stories.
And that's why kids love Bianca Pitzorno.»

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Polixena and Her Pig

Disguised as a boy and with a false identity, Polixena travels around the world looking for her true parents. She joins Lucrezia, the young tumbler, and her group of acrobatic animals: a Saint Bernard, a bear, two monkeys, a goose and a little pig.



360 pages
paperback
ill. Quentin Blake

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The House on the Tree
All children dream of having a secret house where to live on their own, far from rules and duties. But not all of them are as lucky as Aglaia, who lives on the top of an extraordinary tree together with Bianca, an older friend with an incredible imagination.

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95 pages
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ill. Quentin Blake

«The author's talent lays in very apt descriptions with a distinctive choice of words in a dynamic and humorous style.»

WHITE RAVENS



A “medieval style song” by the great Bianca Pitzorno beautifully illustrated by Sonia Maria Luce Possentini, Italian Andersen Prize 2017.

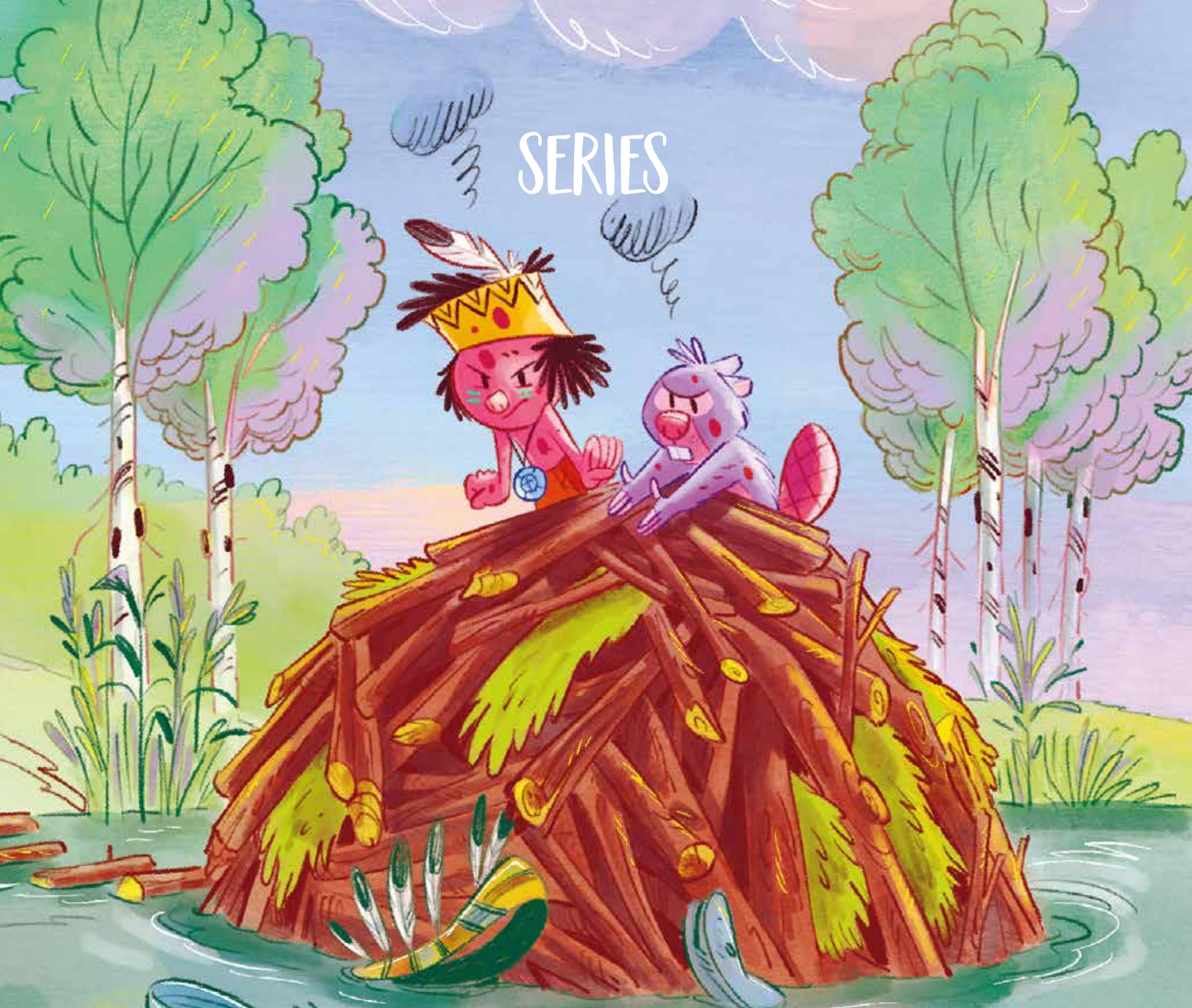
1382. Federico comes to Sardinia, a wild and windy island; Bianchina lives in Genoa, where the streets breathe in the rhythm of the sea. The parents arrange their marriage that will take place once the little wife and husband-to-be have reached puberty. Ten years to grow up, ten years to get ready for the future. But weddings are dreamt up in the sky, and over the sky of Genoa there is an incoming wind bringing storms.

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23 x 28 cm | 40 pages
hardcover
ill. Sonia Maria Luce Possentini



SERIES





Daniele Mocci, Luca Usai

LITTLE BEAVER TAIL AND THE QUEST TO SAVE NATURE

Little Beaver Tail belongs to the Native American tribe of the Straight Tongues, that has earned a reputation as the most honest people ever!

Little Beaver Tail's village is located by the Great Trout river, on a wide and fertile plain surrounded by a magnificent forest and thousand of animals. The perfect place for someone full of energy as Little Beaver Tail, who loves to run and play all day. It's Spring 1695 and Little Beaver Tail is about to complete eight winters (Straight Tongues don't count birthday with numbers) he's so excited since the next day he'll be finally able to do "the thing" he'd always dreamed of. But something totally unexpected happens. The Head of Wood - the tribe rivals of the Straight Tongues - are trying to pollute the lake and the marsh near Straight Tongues' village to make them flee and occupy their lands. But Little Beaver and his friends Horsplotchy Armpit, Bada-Boom, Rush of Words, Crooked Bow, Lentil Stew and Wall of Hail are ready to defend their land and protect nature!



*Join the tribe of Straight Tongues
and be ready to protect nature!
OH-YAH!!!*

DANIELE MOCCI

writer and screenwriter, was born in San Gavino Monreale, in Sardinia. At the age of seven, he fell in love with comics and was welcomed into the Paper Cloud tribe with the name of Ballpoint Pen, but when he started typing on the computer, his name became Wild Keyboard. He has published comics in France and Italy for various publishers. His novel *The Last Day of Spring* (Condaghes) was released in 2019.

LUCA USAI

cartoonist and illustrator, was born in Guspini, Sardinia. Always passionate about humorous comics and animation, he joined the Wandering Ink tribe with the name of Hand that Draws. In 2006 he moved to Milan to attend the Disney Academy and, since then, has continued to get his hands dirty with ink drawing comics for many publishers such as Disney, Panini, San Paolo.



A perfect series
for all young readers
full of humour,
funny puns
and a green message.



FULL ENG TRANSLATION AVAILABLE
14,4 x 20,7 cm | 70 pages
hardcover
ill. Luca Usai
March 2021

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Vanna Vinci

JURASSIC GIRL AND THE MYSTERIOUS FRIEND

*Who says that dinosaurs
are extinct?*

VANNA VINCI

was born in Cagliari in 1964, she lives and works in Bologna. She is a famous and awarded comic illustrator. Her books have been published by several publishers in Italy, France, Spain, in particular the successful "Frida Kahlo: The Story of Her Life".



1. JURASSIC GIRL

FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

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14,5 x 20,5 cm | 48 Pages
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ill. Vanna Vinci
June 2020



The second amazing jurassic adventure of Vannina.

How to cure jurassic-sickness?

School's out and it's holiday time. Vannina has always been a decent, well-behaved child and having passed the school year. Vannina's love for dinosaur just keeps on growing and now she can finally go mad with her furry friend Dino. They're playing in the park one day with a trolley full of furry dinosaurs and books when they come across a dinosaur egg! It hatches and a strange-looking animal emerges, a kind of multicoloured lizard: he's a velociraptor! Vannina instantly adopts him. But the mysterious friend turns out to be very unruly and a terrible mischief-maker! But what if the new friend is homesick, or better Jurassic-sick!?



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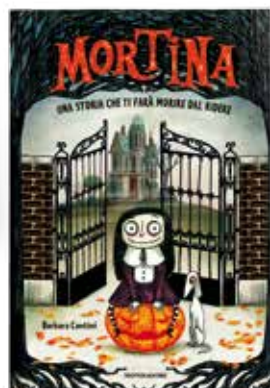
activity book
56 pages
18 x 24 cm
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A new adventure with Mortina,
the zombie girl, more alive than ever before!

Mortina's holiday on Lake Mystery is at risk of being ruined by a boring bureaucrat. Frilly Manor has been put up for auction because it appears abandoned and unoccupied (of course, nobody knows that Dilbert and Auntie Witch live there!) In order to save the day, Mortina and Dilbert need to make a potion to bring all the family back to life for a few hours: it is the only way to prove that they are the rightful owners of the Manor.

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COUSIN



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Barbara Cantini MORTINA



4. HOLIDAY AT LAKE MISTERY

BARBARA CANTINI

has worked as an illustrator in the world of theatre and television before turning her talents to illustrating books for children. She currently illustrates for Italian, English and American publishers.

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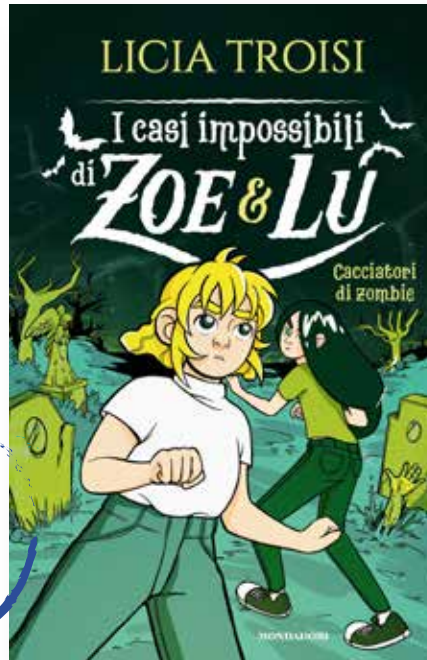
THE IMPOSSIBLE CASES OF ZOE & LU. 3 THE ZOMBIE HUNTERS

The third spooky adventure of Zoe and Lu.

Zoe is obsessed with a story she has been following in her local newspapers: she's convinced the strange animals being referred to are zombies. Lo clearly doesn't believe in reanimated/undead corpses but she lets herself get pulled in and opens the case purely because she's a fervent animal-lover and someone must be doing experiments on those poor animals! Their investigations set them on the trail of Gilda of the Undead, an ancient sect to which Amilcare, Zoe's much loved butler, seems to be connected in some way...

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Chapters
told in
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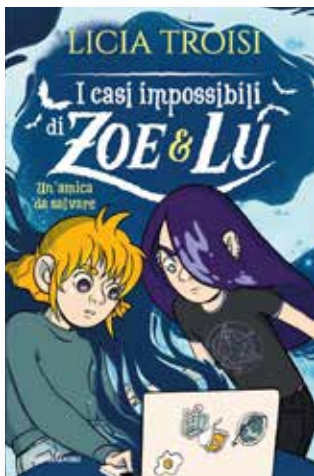


Lucrezia has a scientific soul, Zoe is the mysterious and tough one, together they make an explosive pair of very young detectives ready to solve impossible and scary cases.

LICIA TROISI

renowned as the Italian queen of fantasy, has been translated in 19 languages and sold more than 3,5 million copies throughout the world. Now she surprises us with a project for the new generations of readers, without giving up to female heroines, as always the heroines of her stories.

1. A FRIEND TO SAVE



2. WITCHES' SECRETS



Zoe and Lu will face the most dangerous and mysterious creatures together, such as advanced and creepy softwares escaped from secret agencies or the Janares, an ancient line of witches who has its roots in Mediterranean folklore.

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14 x 21,5 cm | 160 pages
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SERIES 30

Claire Martini

PRIMA BALLERINAS 3. DANCE FROM THE HEART

Follow your passion, enjoy every minute!

CLAIRE MARTINI

is a pen name. She currently works with many Italian publishers as translator, copyeditor and ghostwriter. After years spent to take care of other author's books she now wants to dedicate her energy and creativity to her own stories.



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14 x 21,5 cm | pages 184
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ill. Agnese Innocente
February 2020



Melissa and the other ballerinas in her class are going on a dance course - to the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow!

Melissa is thrilled at the thought of visiting her grandmother's home city, and the stage she danced on as an étoile. Rehearsals for the end-of-course show are proving harder than expected and Amina spends all day with Irina, an upcoming Russian ballerina. Luckily, Melissa meets someone who reminds her that dancing is first and foremost passion and fun.

For every young reader
who dreams
of becoming a dancer.



1. MELISSA'S DREAM



2. TWO STARS
ON STAGE



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Manlio Castagna

PETRADEMONE 3. THE FATE OF THE TWO WORLDS

The long-awaited final book in the Petrademone saga!

MANLIO CASTAGNA

is Vice Artistic Director, Marketing Director and “soul” of the Giffoni Film Festival, the most important Italian film festival for children. He is also a screenwriter, director and film critic for Virgin Radio. Since 2014 he has been a member of the Creative Committee in charge of the Doha Film Institute (Qatar) which works in close partnership with the Giffoni Experience. “Petrademone” is his first book.

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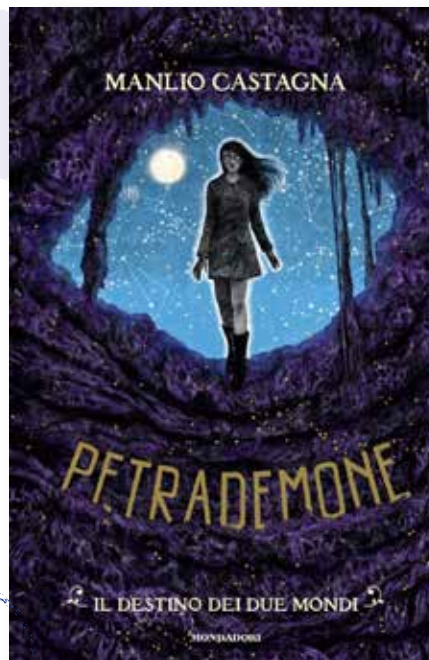
«A hypnotic fantasy, half Goonies - half Tolkien, with creatures that could be straight out of J.K. Rowling's Fantastic Beasts.»

ALESSANDRA DE TOMMASI, VANITY FAIR

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14 x 21,5 cm | 492 pages
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ill. Giulia Tomai
October 2019



1. THE BOOK OF
DOORS



2. THE LAND
OF NO RETURN

Frida, Miriam and the Oberdan twins embark on their most dangerous mission yet.

The Evil armada, led by the Lady of the Urds, is destroying the celestial kingdoms of Amalantrah and it's on its way to our dimension. Storms, cataclysms and monstrous creatures bring death and destruction to both worlds. Luckily, Miriam and Frida discover they have extraordinary powers but need to learn how to control them. By their side, the four friends can count on the everlasting love of those who are no longer with them. While screams shatter the skies above the annihilated cities and there are no more animals to sacrifice to keep the Shadow that Devours alive, the deadly Hundo has set its sights on Valdrada and the souls of children who are needed to give form to Shulu. Light and Dark become flesh and blood, the treacherous mirrors break, love overcomes death: in a race against time in a timeless world, what will the fate be of the Two Worlds?

«An all-Italian Gothic fantasy.»

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EARLY READERS



Nicoletta Costa

ORSO BLU

Blue Bear is Tom's favorite toy.
They are always together!
But sometimes it's hard to be a good bear.
Will little Tom be able to handle the whims
of his favorite stuffed animal?

NICOLETTA COSTA

began her activity as an illustrator of children's books in 1980, two years after graduating in Architecture, and has never stopped since. He has published more than 300 picture books, enchanting readers around the world with his ability to see with the eyes of children. Through the adventures of its characters, young readers learn to have confidence in themselves and to face every challenge serenely.



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17.5 x 17.5 cm | 32 pages
hardcover
ill. Nicoletta Costa
September 2020



BLUE BEAR DOESN'T WANT TO SHARE

When Tom gives Bella Doll a gift, Blue Bear is not happy! Will Tom be able to convince him that sharing is important?



BLUE BEAR DOESN'T WANT TO EAT!

When there is a new dish on the table, the Blue Bear doesn't want it! Will Tom be able to convince him that he must at least taste?

A very original point of view: it is the toys
that throw a tantrum.

Making the child an external observer facilitating
the autonomous recognition
of whims and how to overcome them.





BLUE BEAR THINKS HE CAN'T DO IT!

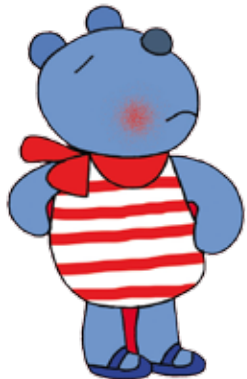
When he tries to get off the slide for the first time, Blue Bear doesn't feel capable! Will Tom succeed in convincing him that you learn to do everything with patience?



BLUE BEAR DOESN'T WANT TO SLEEP!

When the evening comes Blue Bear doesn't want to sleep! Will Tom be able to convince him to relax and close his eyes?

Even teddy bears have a tantrum!



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BLUE BEAR ASKS WHY WEAR A MASK?



NEW

Blue Bear is out for a walk with Tom when he notices something strange: everyone is wearing a funny mask! But why? Tom explains that they need it to protect each other, and that all it takes is a few simple rules in order to live together happily and safely.

This book helps explain to the smallest bears how to protect themselves from the virus.

ENG. TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

15 x 15 cm | 12 pages
boardbook
ill. Nicoletta Costa
December 2020

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Simone Frasca

PIG HEART PACO

All you need to do is wash your hands to defeat the monsters!

SIMONE FRASCA

is a much-loved author and illustrator, who designs mascots and campaigns. He regularly holds events and workshops in libraries and schools, and is always in demand at festivals.

NEW



Paco is a fearless knight with an important mission: to protect the village children from the monsters. Thanks to his pestilent breath and his super sweaty armpits, the baddies don't stand a chance...most of the time!

Paco will discover that there are monsters so very small that they are invisible, monsters like viruses, germs or bacteria that need to be defeated using different weapons, such as washing your hands, eating fruit and vegetables, taking a bath! A simple and enjoyable book that explains to children what happens when they get ill and what to do when that happens.



A book on the importance of personal hygiene and prevention that deals with feeling poorly in the most playful and relaxed way.

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22 x 22 cm | 48 pages
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ill. Simone Frasca
January 2021



Silvia Serreli

WHAT ARE BIG BROTHERS FOR

An early reader for children who argue with their siblings!

SILVIA SERRELI

is a leading and much loved author and illustrator in the field of pre-school titles. With her 'Tea' series (Giunti) she has sold over 100,000 copies in Italy and is published in five countries.



Livia doesn't know why she needs a big brother who's overbearing and not very nice! She decides to ask her grandfather. A gentle story that illustrates to young readers the beauty of having a brother or sister.



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18,5 x 21 cm | 48 pages
hardcover
ill. Silvia Serreli
October 2019

Miriam Dubini

THE NAPPY THIEF

When nappies begin to mysteriously disappear... the only option is to sit on the potty!



A puppy pack that goes by the name "the urinators" discovers that supplies of their over-sized nappies have run out across the Far West. And a strange object appears in their local store. What can it be? Maybe they should sit on it and see what happens!

MIRIAM DUBINI

(1977-2019), a much-loved and highly productive author, died suddenly, having spent her life writing children's books, working in theatre and creating comic books, film, books and games.

2+

26,5 x 26,5 cm | 48 pages
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February 2020

Letizia Iannaccone
Ste Tirasso
DRAGON SOUP

The perfect book for children who refuse to eat their vegetables.

LETIZIA IANNACCONE

is born in Genoa and is a prominent author and illustrator who works with many Italian and foreign publishing houses.



This week, once again, smelly vegetable soup is on the menu. What if in its place a smoking dragon soup is served? Maybe vegetables aren't so bad after all...

Vegetables are good for children but also for dragons!



Ludovico is a bit worried because it's been a while that grandpa hasn't come to pick him up at preschool. Where is he gone? But then Ludovico remembers the secret of grandpa Attilio and about a very very special place...

A book that tells about death and separation from the ones we love in a sweet and progressive way in the respect of the readers' age.

Silvia Sommariva
BUT, WHERE DID GRANDPA GO?

A sweet story to remember with a smile who's not with us anymore.

SILVIA SOMMARIVA

is born in Milan where lives and works. She worked in advertising. She takes the inspiration for her stories from her three children and from her childhood's memories.



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18,5 x 21 cm | 48 pages
paperback
ill. Ste Tirasso
January 2019



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Spain/Castilian/Catalan/Basque ▶ Obelisco

18,5 x 21 cm | 48 pages
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October 2018

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Alberto Pellai, Barbara Tamborini

CUDDLES WITH MUMMY, CUDDLES WITH DADDY

Do you know that cuddles have magical powers? Especially if they follow the music beat!

Find out how nice is to spend time with dad, reading a story and singing a song of your's own together. Are you read?

My mom is a chicken that sings good morning every day. My mom is an elephant that showers me with her trunk and makes me net and clean; she's a butterfly that flies always around me, my mom is a funny monkey that cheers up all the family. My mom is an octopus who can do a thousand things at the same time with all her tentacles. Mom this song is for you!



ALBERTO PELLAI

is a doctor, children and adolescents psychotherapist and researcher at the Department of Biomedical Sciences of the University of Milan. In 2004 the Ministry of Health awarded him the silver medal of merit in Public Health. He has done the program "This house is not a hotel" on Radio 24 dedicated to the relationship between parents and children. He is the author of many parenting and psychology bestsellers, including "All too early. The sex education of our children in the Internet age", "The tsunami age", "The happy family method". His books have been translated into more than ten languages and have won numerous awards. On Facebook manages a page dedicated to advice on education followed by 40,000 followers.

BARBARA TAMBORINI

is psycho-pedagogist and writer. She teaches educational workshops in schools and training courses for teachers and parents. She is the author of books for children and teenagers for which she has won numerous literary awards, she's co-author with Alberto Pellai of psychology and parenting volumes that have become bestsellers and translated into different countries.

Find out how nice is to spend time with dad, reading a story and singing a song of your's own together. Are you read?

I am a child and I want to cuddle, I want a cuddle rock. Every day I wait for you to play. Tell me that the day will pass and that you'll be back soon. But first, leave me a nice little thing to let you go a cuddle, a scratch on the back, a little kiss on the head...or if I can choose, a song to sing together!



Inside the QR Code
to listen to
"Octopus Mummy"
and "Cuddle Rock"
songs.

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17,5 x 17,5 cm
48 pages | hardcover
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March 2020

Alba Marcoli

FOREST TALES

*Stories to share
to talk about fear.*

Talking about fears
in Seven Oaks forest.

Seven Oaks Forest is a special place but it's also like any ordinary forest, home to lots of animal families and their little ones, each unique with their own unique fears, either they're scared to fall asleep, scared of being left alone, scared a loved one might die...but when you give voice to fears and understand them, they're easier to overcome. This book is an authoritative aid in helping children face fears like abandonment, death, sleep and divorce of their parents.



ALBA MARCOLI

(1939-2014) was a leading clinical psychologist of the Italian psychoanalytic school. She dealt with issues affecting young people for many years, a large part of her publications focusing on family problems, especially the mother-child relationship, and sold hundreds of thousands of copies.

An authoritative aid in helping children to talk about
profound feelings they feel when teased,
when suffering low self-esteem, from over-protective parents,
and when judged by others.

4+

18 x 23 cm | 64 pages
hardcover
ill. Carla Manea
September 2020

Alba Marcoli

TALES OF PRINCES AND PRINCESSES

*Stories to share
to talk about anger.*

There's a kingdom in which
fairy tales have healing
powers.

There's a magic kingdom filled with princes, princesses, kings, queens and enchanted castles; a kingdom offering a thousand adventures and a whirlwind of emotions, including anger. There are princes who fly into a rage when they've been misled and princesses who get angry with overbearing parents... but when you give voice to anger, it becomes easier to overcome.



Closing appendix by two psychologist who worked
alongside Alba Marcoli.

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September 2020

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This book presents five stories about little Toby, one for each primary emotion: fear, anger, jealousy, happiness and sadness.

Toby Is Angry

Toby can't wait to go on the school trip to the EcoPark, but on that morning he wakes up with a temperature; grrr! A dragon appears and makes everything appear red.

Toby Is Scared

Toby is going to spend the night at his grandparents' house. But all of a sudden, the friendly bedroom fills with monsters. Fear looms over him like a bat with blue wings.

Toby Is Angry

Toby can't wait to go on the school trip to the EcoPark, but on that morning he wakes up with a temperature; grrr! A dragon appears and makes everything appear red.

Toby Is Happy

Today is Toby's birthday! An unexpected surprise will make him feel as he is surrounded by a cloud of colourful butterflies.

Toby Is Jealous

Toby's best friend is getting all his teacher's attention. Toby feels like he's wrapped up in an octopus's tentacles and everything appears yellow.

Toby Is Sad

Tommy, Toby's best friend moves to another city and he has to cope with a sadness that grips hold of him like a grey bird with long wings.



Each emotion has its own story.

SILVIA SERRELI

is a leading and much loved author and illustrator in the field of pre-school titles. With her 'Tea' series (Giunti) she has sold over 100,000 copies in Italy and is published in five countries.



Including an informative appendix by a child psychologist and university lecturer, Carla Antoniotti, who explains to the adult how to recognize and deal with different emotions.



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18 x 23 cm | 192 pages
hardcover
ill. Silvia Serreli
September 2020

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Roberto Piumini

FAIRY TALES FOR BREAK TIME

Classic tales as you've never heard them, just in time for break.



ALICE IN PLATELAND

Legend has it and people say that, one bright day, a young girl called Alice, into a big hole did fall.



LITTLE RED CAPPUCCINO

The little cappuccino was scared everyone wanted a sip of it and since no one came to its rescue, off it ran to stop them from drinking it.



THE THREE TORTELLINI

A long time ago lived three little brothers, like giant ravioli they were, swimming happy and free in a large sea of broth.



CINDERSKILLET

Once upon a time there was a poor little saucepan - Cinderskillet was her name - forced to boil away the day under the orders of her two big-sister pans, Stewit and Sizzle.

Each story comes with a scattering of games inside
and curious facts about the original tale at the back.

ROBERTO PIUMINI

is considered one of the Italy's leading authors for children. Winner of the Italian Andersen prize, he has published poetry, stories and novels for children and teenagers (including "Lo Stralisco", "C'era un bambino profumato di latte", "Il pirata pescatore") widely translated abroad, not to mention prose and collections of verse for adults.

18 x 18 cm | 32 pages
paperback
ill. Maria Sole Macchia
October 2019

5+

Sarah Pellizzari Rabolini

THE RIGHT TO DREAM

NEW

*Never be afraid
to be yourself!*

A novel that talks about racism, discrimination, courage, self-acceptance; rooted in history, it is still highly relevant to current events that need to be discussed.

Bea always feels like she's in second place, but thanks to Alex she discovers the story of Claudette Colvin, the US activist who refused to give up her seat on the bus during the time of racial segregation in the 1950s. Nine months later, Rosa Parks did the same thing and became the symbol of the Civil Rights Movement, relegating Claudette to second place. Thanks to this story and Claudette's courage, Bea finds the strength to be simply and happily herself.



SARAH PELLIZZARI RABOLINI

graduated in literature she teaches at a secondary school in Busto Arsizio. A huge fan of mythology and poetry, she has published many poems. This is her first book for children.

9+

12,7 x 19,7 | 176 pages
paperback
ill. Ilaria Zanellato
May 2021

Daria Bertoni

A TRIP TO THE STARS

*It's time to get back
to the competition.
Go, Stella!*

A story of friendship,
pushing your own limits and,
naturally, lots of rhythmic
gymnastics.

A year has passed since Stella first entered a gym to train as a rhythmic gymnast. Stella has grown, and having spent her holidays at the seaside doing all sorts of acrobatics, she cannot wait to get back to Milan to train. She is surprised to discover she has been selected as part of the fabulous Gazelle squad. This year looks like it is going to be full of surprises!



DARIA BERTONI

was born in Milan and works at the Libreria dei Ragazzi, where she spends her days advising young booklovers. When she's not reading, she teaches rhythmic gymnastics. She has published with Mondadori "Libera. Un'amica fra le onde" (2020) and "Stelle in Equilibrio" (more than 6000 copies sold).

8+

12,7 x 19,7 | 160 pages
paperback
ill. Sara Mauri
May 2021

NON FICTION



Lorenzo Baglioni

THE MYSTERY OF THE TIMES TABLES

10 mysteries to solve, 10 times tables to learn, if you can stop laughing!

LORENZO BAGLIONI

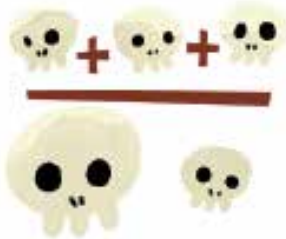
is a young Italian singer-songwriter, author and mathematician, as well as a YouTuber. He took part in Sanremo with the song "Il congiuntivo" (The Subjunctive), which made him famous for his educational songs that have been viewed millions of times on YouTube.



NEW

The times tables have disappeared from the face of the Earth!

The children are thrilled, but their absence has consequences, some very small (they can't play video games any more), some much larger (how do we take the plane!). This leads to an unusual team made up of two children, a parrot and an aunt with a passion for puzzles, being chosen to solve the mysteries hidden behind the disappearance of the Terrible 10!



Educational concepts are integrated into a real story with its roots in an authentic learning method that "teaches without noticing".



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18 x 23 cm | 96 pages
paperback
ill. Erica Fichera
July 2021

Lorenzo Baglioni

SCARY MATH

Doing divisions, fractions, angles and polygons give you the heebie-jeebies? Well, not anymore!

Is there anything scarier than math?

Three spooky stories presenting the funny side of multiplication, division, and fractions with the help of some vampires, zombies and haunted castles.



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ill. Erica Fichera
September 2020



LORENZO BAGLIONI

is a young singer-songwriter, novelist and mathematician. He presented the song “the subjunctive” at Italy’s Sanremo song festival, earning himself acclaim as a writer of songs with educational content viewed millions of times on YouTube.

Reading his zany tales, readers have fun with notions of mathematics and geometry without even realizing it!

Lorenzo Baglioni

GEOMETRY MONSTERS

Scarily funny stories to solve any problem you encounter... of the geometrical kind!

Zany stories to become Geometry giants.

Three zany stories starring monsters of all shapes and sizes to tell the funniest, easiest-to-learn tales of angles, lines and polygons.



Federico Taddia

YOU'RE BRILLIANT, DAD!

*There are so many things
to do with Dad!*

FEDERICO TADDIA

is a journalist, author and writer for radio and TV. He writes, among others for Topolino and La Stampa. He won the Alberto Manzi for educational communication and his "Teste Toste" won the Italian Andersen Prize for the best science series for young readers.

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10+

14 x 21,5 cm | 176 pages
hardcover
ill. Laura Re
March 2021

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NEW

39 activities + 1 to enjoy together!

Plant a tree, iron a shirt, spend a weekend in a campervan or a night in a tent (even without the tent!), go to dance lessons, light a fire, make tagliatelle, invent a secret language, take a smartphone apart and see what's inside...

There's something in here for all tastes and all dads; adventurous dads and lazy ones, elegant dads and messy dads, sporty dads and slipper-clad dads, jokey dads and serious dads...

Choose your favourite
activities, let your
imagination
run wild and enjoy your
fun time together!



Maria Pia Pisoni

VIRUS ATTACKS THE HUMAN BODY!

The perfect book to learn about the human body.

It is a special day in the Free Land of the Human Body. All the cells are preparing to celebrate the anniversary of the first battle won against the influenza virus. Lia, a lively young platelet, Ross, a curious and loyal red blood cell, and Lymph, a lymphocyte with a perfect memory, cannot wait to tell all to their friend, sweet little Escher, a good bacterium. Just as they are getting in place to watch the parade, the alarm sounds: an attack by Rino Virus, the cold virus! But this time, this enemy seems to have found powerful allies and all the inhabitants of Human Body will be needed in order to defeat it, including our courageous little cells...



NEW

A fun under-the-microscope adventure into the world of Human Body, helping us discover our immune system!

MARIA PIA PISONI

is a gynaecologist at Milan's Niguarda Hospital. For many years she has worked on promoting scientific knowledge among adults and children alike. She studied at the Raul Montanari creative writing school in Milan.



An entertaining
and educational book
that combines storytelling
and science education.

14 x 21,5 cm | 96 pages
hardcover
ill. Ramona Bruno
February 2021

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Linda Raimondo

BEYOND THE STARS AND A LITTLE BIT FURTHER

Even dreams which seem out of this world can come true.

LINDA RAIMONDO

is an emerging talent in scientific writing for children in Italy. She is an aspiring astronaut and new face of science education for the Italian television channel Rai Gulp for which she presented the new version of the historic Missione Spazio programme. Her story has been covered by leading newspapers and national television.

*No dream is ever too big.
You just have to believe in it.*



The first book by this debut author of scientific books for young readers.

Ten steps in ten letters to reach the stars. Each letter ends with a practical guide on what do to make your dream come true.

Linda Raimondo is very young and has a dream: to become an astronaut. It's a gigantic dream but not impossible. Linda set off on her pathway to the stars at a young age. She took physics at university, won a competition with ESA (European Space Agency) and met some of the most important astronauts and scientists on the planet.

But she would never have made it without her family, her true friends and the amazing role models she had in Margherita Hack, Samantha Cristoforetti, and Margaret Hamilton.

In ten letters lace with memories, interesting facts, addressed to her loved ones and people who inspired her, Linda tells us how and when the intergalactic dream that's about to take off for her began and what each of us can do to make our own dreams, whatever they are, come true.

An aspirational text that encourages young people to follow their dreams, however impossible they may seem, written by a young girl for young readers.

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14 x 21,5 cm | 152 pages
ill. Giulia Braga
hardcover
March 2020



Giuseppe Lavenia GETTING A MOBILE PHONE!

A contemporary, easy-to-use guide offering tips and tools to reach a decision that fits the family's needs and each individual's personal experience.

The decision to get a child a mobile phone is a crucial one in the life of parents and children: it changes the way we interact, alters our options, raises new challenges and sometimes also dangers...This practical guide aims to answer the main questions adults have (When to get one? How to use it? When to use it? What to watch out for?) and puts young people on the spot with a series of tests to see if they are truly ready to use one and to use it properly.



A book for parents and children about the what, why and when of getting a mobile phone.

GIUSEPPE LAVENIA

is a psychologist and psychotherapist, president of the Association for Technology Addiction and Cyberbullying which is dealing with the rising numbers of disorders connected with the use of electronic devices, organising courses, prevention sessions in schools and also providing therapy. In addition to his clinical work, Giuseppe teaches young people and adults, writes books and publishes articles in scientific journals, and collaborates with press, radio and TV.



Written to be useful to adults increasingly in need of expert advice on "the right decision" to make and also for young people who will be able to prove that they are ready to take this step.



14 x 21,5 cm | 140 pages
paperback w/flaps
upside-down, two ways of reading book
July 2020

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OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE SKY

A book that will make you look up at the night sky and travel through space and time.

**EDWIGE PEZZULLI, ROSA VALIANTE,
MARIA GROFINO, RAFFAELLA SCHNEIDER,
SIMONA GALLERANI E TULLIA SBARRATO**

known as “the archeologists of the stars” are part of the first team, funded by the European Research Council, that studies stars and galaxies of the newborn universe. In 2017 they have raised NASA’s attention because of their research on black holes and they get one of the biggest award for the Italian research, as a brilliant example of female scientific excellence.



Through these pages you learn to look at the sky, to navigate what you see.

It is like reading a map, a giant map which appears to move and speak through its lights, trajectories and colours.

The sky holds the key to both the secret of time and the beginning of everything. There are thousands of wonders, surprises, and things to discover.

Planets, stars, universes, black holes and also stories which have become the legends of populations and of those of who have made incredible discoveries.

The scientific content is accompanied by songlike texts and poems by Silvia Vecchini: a writer and much-loved children’s poet.

ENG SAMPLE AVAILABLE

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17 x 22 cm | 208 pages
hardcover
ill. Alice Beniero
June 2019



A special guide to discover the Universe packed with facts and legends, a rich and refined graphic layout and marvelous illustrations.



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Science and technology for children.

"What's a voice assistant?"
"How do you resuscitate a dinosaur?"
"Can robots laugh and cry?"
"Why do we fall in love?"
"What are bioplastics?"
"Are invisibility cloaks real?"
"Can we live on the moon?"
"How does a car drive itself?"
"Why does a touch screen not feel it when I touch it?"
"How augmented is augmented reality?"

These are just a handful of the 30+ fascinating questions about science and technology that many children will have about the world today. Famous scientists provide answers that are fun, easy to understand and of the highest scientific accuracy.



STEM as you've never experienced it before!

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TELMO PIEVANI

is a philosopher, biology historian and expert on evolution theory, as well as lecturer in the philosophy of biological sciences at Padova University. He is also chief editor of "Pikaia", the Italian evolution portal, and author of numerous scientific and educational texts.

Each chapter offers practical exercises, fun fact boxes and appealing illustrations.



18 x 24 cm | 240 pages
hardcover
ill. Cristina Portolano
November 2019

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Caroline Pellissier, Virginie Aladjidi

MY FIRST WORDS

A new series of educational titles for very young readers, because it is never too soon to stimulate their curiosity!

CAROLINE PELLISSIER, VIRGINIE ALADJIDI

have met as editorial staff of a children's magazine. Since then they have published together more than 100 books for children.



My First Words: Art

With this little alphabet book, the visual arts become accessible even to very young children: art movements, techniques and types of art are explained in fun and simple terms, encouraging curiosity and creativity during the first years of life.



My First Words: Philosophy

Concepts like friendship, justice, time and humanity seem impossible to explain to children but thanks to this little alphabet book, perfectly suited to young children, you can discover that philosophy is behind many everyday words. A book which encourages curiosity and creativity during the first years of life.

3+

17,5 x 17,5 | 64 pages
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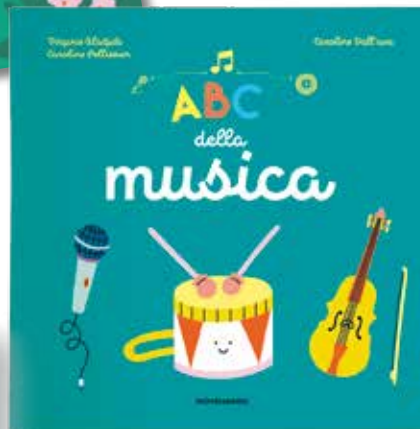
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Caroline Pellissier, Virginie Aladjidi MY FIRST WORDS

My First Words: Music

Musicians, notes, songs and musical instruments: a little alphabet book to introduce young children to one of the most fascinating arts: music.



My First Words: Science

Is it possible to explain to children how a rainbow forms or how ice crystals form? With this little alphabet book perfectly suited to young children, scientific concepts are explained in a simple and fun way, encouraging curiosity and creativity during the first years of their life.



Captivating books bursting with colour,
containing simple but intelligent text
and designed to encourage learning
through stimulation and fun.

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