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The **leading independent** children's book **publisher** in Italy.

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Our books have been translated into **39 languages**.

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PICTURE BOOKS



HIDEAWAY

by **Melania Longo**
illustrations by **Alessandro Sanna**

Our hideaway is a house made of slender branches and singing leaves. No one can enter, except my little brother and I. Even though there's not much room, for us it has no limits: we can travel to Africa or to snow-capped lands, enjoy a five o' clock tea or sleep beneath the stars. Until we hear a far-off voice growing stronger as it calls us... Has someone found us?

A poetic picture book that ends with a surprise, an adventure that takes place between the kids' bedroom walls.

A masterpiece by Italian Children's Laureate Alessandro Sanna.



Hardcover
Pages: 48
Format: 23x30
Age: 4+



THE NEW ONE

by Silvia Vecchini and Sualzo

All the toys are on edge: a new one's arrived, and it's obvious straight away that there's no competing with him. Kid has eyes for him alone, and his older toys are afraid he'll soon forget all about them. Their apprehension and jealousy are understandable, but they're about to learn that love doesn't take love away, it actually creates more of it!

There's Going to Be a Baby meets *Toy Story*: the arrival of a baby brother as experienced by a group of endearingly comical living toys.



Hardcover
Pages: 32
Format: 23x30
Age: 4+

Rights sold in Spanish (World), Slovenia, Turkey, Korea



THE MONKEY THAT GOT LOST

by Luca Tortolini
illustrations by Simone Rea

The whole town is excited: tonight is the opening of Monkey Big Show! But its main star has disappeared! Where on earth is he? Everyone goes looking for him, but in vain. Only the readers know where our monkey is – and also why he is gone away: he has fallen in love! And nothing is more important than love, right?

Good things come to those who know how to wait – and hope!



Hardcover
Pages: 32
Format: 23x30 cm
Age: 4+

FICTION





123 SMILE STREET

by Lodovica Cima

illustrations by Giulia Dragone

On 123 Smile Street there's a building guarded over by Angel and inhabited by a small band of children who, together with a dog named Poldo, make each day livelier and more fun than ever. From January to December, one story at a time, the four children discover friendship, adventure and duty and grow day after day, just like the reader.



The perfect gift to be read
all year long!



Hardcover
Pages: 120
full-color illustrations
Format: 14x20.5
Age: 6+

Rights sold in Poland



- NOW ON THE SHELVES**
1. My Cat's Name is Odin
 2. The Queen of Dark Goblins
- ★ **COMING SOON**
3. My Goldfish's Name is Poseidon
 4. Three Days To Say Goodbye

MY CAT'S NAME IS ODIN

by Francesco Bedini
illustrations by Stefano Tambellini

Aldo is 11 and crazy about comics. He and his friends, Arnie and Ian, have even set up their very own Comics Club, sure that it'll be the perfect screen once the time comes for them to save the world. Between them and glory is Petra, Aldo's 7-year-old cunning, determined little sister. One dark, stormy night things get complicated when a one-eyed cat shows up at their front door. They decide to adopt him and name him Odin, completely unaware that inside the kitten hides his namesake: the great, mighty, hot-tempered Norse god, whose final battle, Ragnarök, is about to begin.

A four-volume series perfect for lovers of mythology and cats, and for those who don't know that they're heroes.



Hardcover
Pages: 176, b/w illustrations
Format: 14x20.5 cm
Age: 8+

Rights sold in Russia

THE MYSTERY OF NETTLE HILL

by Francesco Ramilli
illustrations by Rachele Aragno

Peace reigns in the village of Nettle Hill: Frank the Fox writes his poetry, Debby the Duck looks after her ducklings, and the Committee keeps a close eye on all the goings-on. Everyone's looking forward to the big party coming up, but then an unexpected crime upsets all the plans: Theodore the Toad's been killed! A thorough investigation is called for – and two brave detectives. Who better than Frank and Debby? But solving the case – and facing up to an enemy who's far more dangerous than anyone expected – is going to take all their courage!

Shivers up the spine, suspense and a pinch of irony make for the perfect mystery novel (including a murder!) for middle grade readers.



Hardcover
Pages: 180, b/w illustrations
Format: 14x20.5
Age: 9+

THE BOOK OF THE GORMWITS

By Mario Mucciarelli
illustrations by Stefano Tartarotti

The Gormwits are the world's dumbest people. They live high up on a remote, arid hill where there's absolutely nothing to write home about. The Gormwits are so dumb that they *themselves* are surprised they haven't gone extinct yet. No one knows exactly how or why, but young Yuki's the most intelligent person in the whole village – the only one who actually *thinks* before he does something. When the other villagers decide to paint the Royal Palace a foul-smelling fart-blue color, a journey begins – one featuring catapults, odd encounters and even an attack on a volcano!

Asterix rebooted... with a lot of non-sense!

The adventures of the dumbest people in the World!



Hardcover
Pages: 200, b/w illustrations
Format: 14x20.5
Age: 10+

Rights sold in Spanish (World)



TO SECOND HUMANITY

By Luigi Ballerini

In a not-so-distant future, the Artificial Intelligence of computers has replaced human beings and taken possession of their bodies. Digital brains, cleaned and reformatted, are loaded into perfect bodies, with senses and skills boosted to the highest level. But something has gone wrong with Delta22... and strange interferences will soon lead him to discover a shocking truth.

In a world where technology steals people's lives and identities, a group of teenagers finds the courage to rebel and regain their freedom.

Hardcover with jacket
Pages: 208
Format: 14x21
Age: 12+



THE DUBAI MISFITS

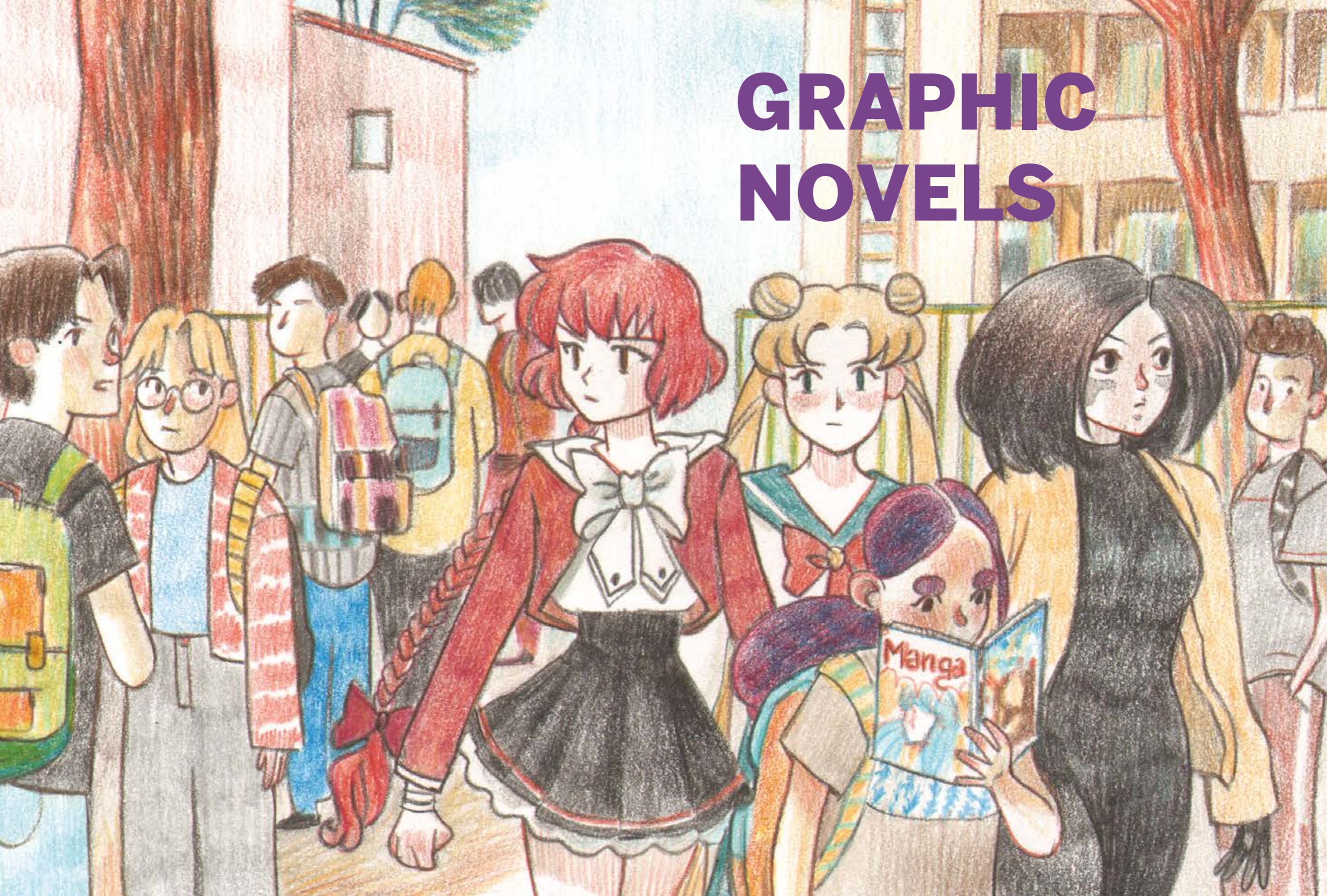
by Daniela Palumbo

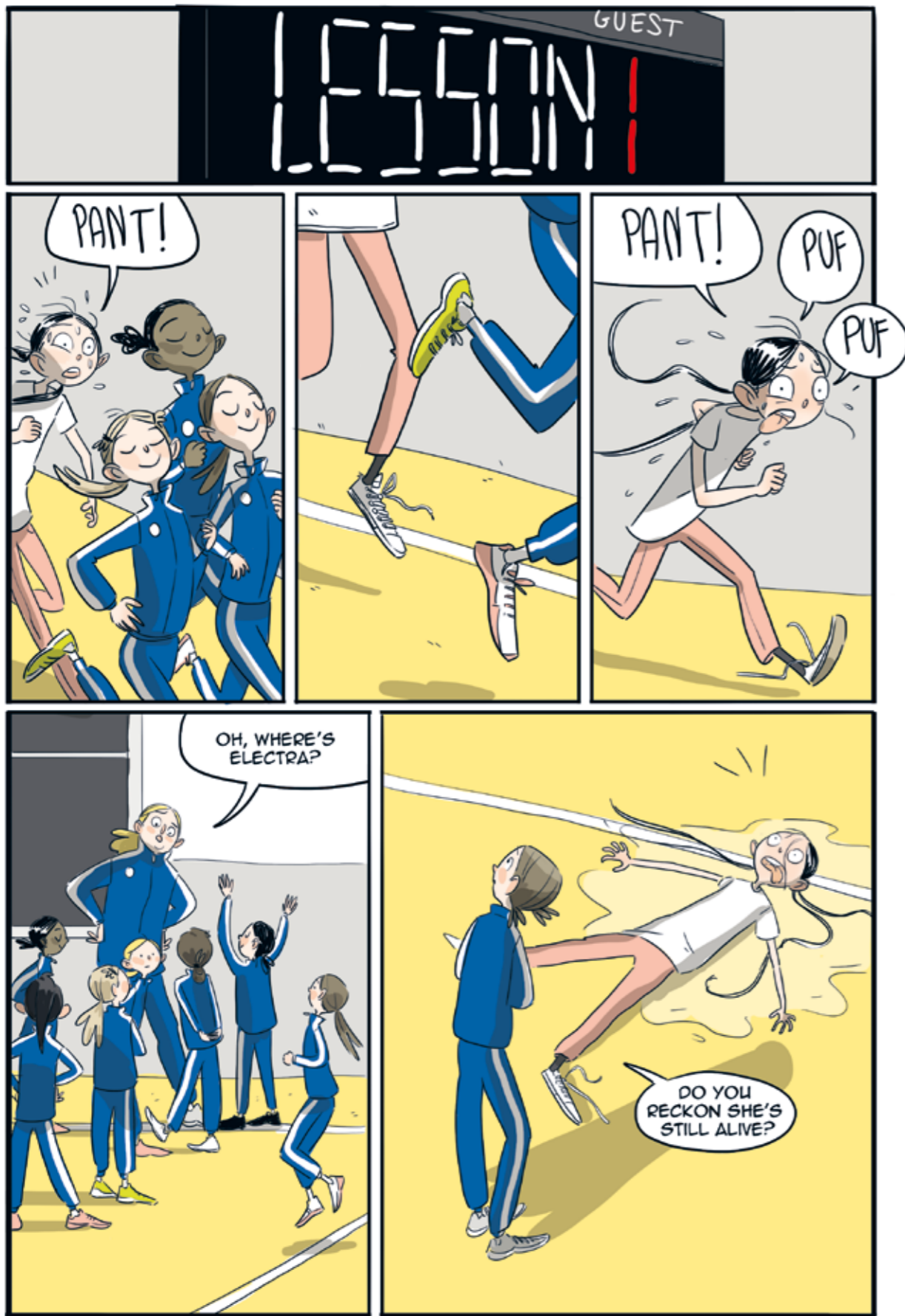
Diego's brother died of an overdose a year ago. On the morning of the first anniversary of his death, seven of Diego's friends – or almost friends – decide to follow him wherever he wants to go, and to do whatever he wants in honour of the day. So begins an escape that lasts until dawn. An escape leading from the city outskirts towards the sea, and from loneliness towards self-awareness and friendship. Once they reach the sea, the teenagers will embrace each other, body and soul, in the dark of a blackout.

A compelling novel for all those souls who feel out of place.

Hardcover with jacket
Pages: 184
Format: 14x21 cm
Age: 13+

GRAPHIC NOVELS





ELECTRA

by Brian Freschi
illustrations by Elena Triolo

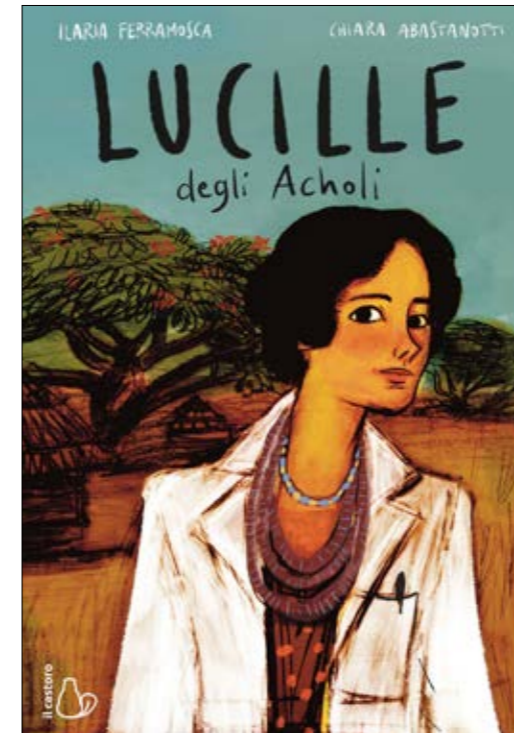
Electra is no good at sports. Too bad her mother insists on having her try them *all*: volleyball, tennis, archery and more. Electra just keeps making a fool of herself! But after seeing the “Coppélia” ballet at the theater, she knows what she wants to do: the second the music starts, Electra begins to dance! Mom isn’t pleased. Will Electra manage to achieve her dream anyway?

Raina Telgemeier meets *On Pointe*, in a middle grade comic book for those who’re crazy about sports – and for those who aren’t!



Flexicover
Pages: 176
Format: 14x20.5
Age: 9+

Rights sold in Ukraine



LUCILLE OF THE ACHOLI

by Ilaria Ferramosca
illustrations by Chiara Abastanotti

She was known as “Doctor Courage”. Born in Canada in 1929, Lucille Teasdale was brave enough to spend her whole life fighting many prejudices of her time. At age of thirteen, Lucille had already decided to become a doctor to the poor. She enrolled at university and became a surgeon. Strong and determined, Lucille never drew back from a challenge. And, with her husband, also a doctor, she moved to Uganda and turned a small mission hospital into one of the best non-profit hospitals in Equatorial Africa.

«Medicine is not just a profession, but a vocation.»
– L. Teasdale



Flexicover
Pages: 208
Format: 15.8x23
Age: 14+





LOUD. Ten Stories to Make Your Voice Heard

by Various Authors

Catcalling, slut-shaming, abusive relationships. Gender violence has many faces. This anthology, however, is more than a collection of harassment stories; they are tales of reactions, strength and bravery. This book is a tool to shine a light on these situations, so they won't happen again. Popular names in the comics and graphic novel world come together to tell ten stories of harassment. With a keen gaze and a call to react together.

An eye-opening, transformative perspective, that speaks aloud our own silences.

A powerful, one-of-a-kind anthology to say no to gender violence.



Flexicover
Pages: 208
Format: 15.8x23
Age: 14+



**NON
FICTION**

15 QUESTIONS

by Pierdomenico Baccalario and Federico Taddia

illustrations by GUD, C. Petrazzi, M. Mariani, E. Triolo and C. Razzoli



★ NOW ON THE SHELVES:

1. WHAT'S MONEY FOR?
2. WHAT'S INSIDE MY HEAD?
3. IS TODAY ALREADY YESTERDAY?
4. CAN TREES TALK?
5. IS THERE ANYONE UP THERE?
6. HOW'S OUR PLANET DOING?
7. ARE WE ALL GONNA BECOME ROBOTS?
8. ARE WE "PERFECT MACHINES"?

★ COMING SOON:

9. HOW LONG IS A LIGHT YEAR?
10. WHAT'S UNDER MY FEET?
11. WHY DO I LIKE YOU?
12. DO FISH DREAM?
13. DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME WHEN I TALK?
14. WHAT'S THE EARTH MADE OF?
15. WHAT'S "BEAUTY"?



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Flexicover
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Format: 14x20.5 cm
Age: 11+

Rights sold in Japan, Turkey, Slovenia, Ukraine, China



The 50 Adventures Handbook (To Do Before You Turn 13)

by P. Baccalario and T. Percivale

Age: under 13! | Pages: 176
2 color illustrations | 14x19.3 cm



The 50 Holiday Adventures Handbook (To Do Before You Turn 13)

by P. Baccalario and L. E. Stipari

Age: under 13! | Pages: 192
2 color illustrations | 14x19.3 cm

Best-selling series all over the world!



THE 50 MISSIONS TO MARS HANDBOOK

by Pierdomenico Baccalario and Federico Taddia
illustrations by AntonGionata Ferrari

Crazy about stars? Can't wait to climb aboard the first rocket to Mars? Put yourself to the test: discover the secrets of the Red Planet, train for microgravity, assemble your crew and start exploring the world. No need to wait in order to become an astronaut: with these 50 Missions you can start today! Three, two, one... BLAST OFF!

The perfect book to plan a fabulous future in space while having fun down here on Earth!



The 50 Challenges Handbook (To Become a Champion)

by P. Baccalario and M. Proserpi

Age: 9+ | Pages: 208
2 color illustrations | 14x19.3 cm



The 50 Secret Missions Handbook (To Survive in the Grown-Up World)

by P. Baccalario and E. Jáuregui

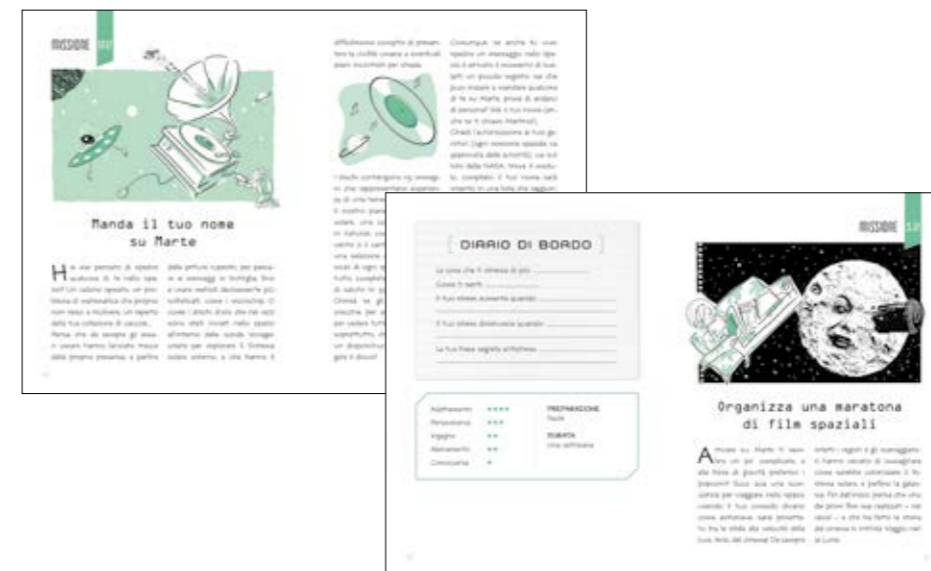
Age: 9+ | Pages: 192
2 color illustrations | 14x19.3 cm



The 50 Little Revolutions Handbook (To Change the World)

by P. Baccalario and F. Taddia

Age: 9+ | Pages: 192
2 color illustrations | 14x19.3 cm



Flexicover
Pages: 176
2 color illustrations
Format: 14x19.3 cm
Age: 9+

Rights sold in USA, Germany, France, Spanish (World), Catalan, Portugal, Russia, The Netherlands, Sweden, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Czech Republic, Serbia, Slovenia, Greece, Albania, Turkey, Georgia, Japan, Korea, Simplified Chinese

BACKLIST





My Treasure Baskets

Project by C. Arienti
Photos by A. Nastasi

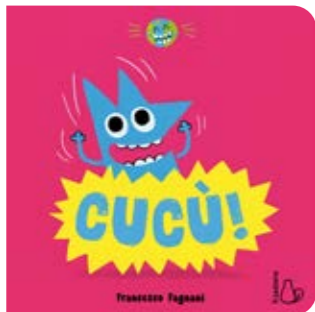
Age: 0-3 | Pages: 22 | 15x15 cm



My Treasure Baskets of the Seasons

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Age: 0-3 | Pages: 22 | 15x15 cm



Peekaboo

By F. Fagnani

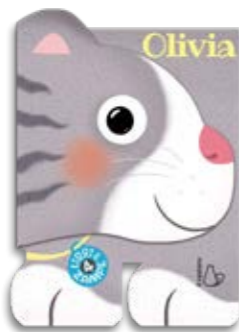
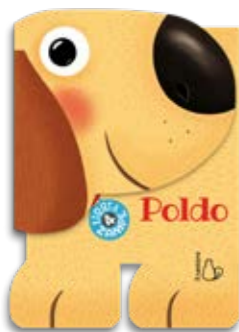
Age: 0-3 | Pages: 22 | 15x15 cm



Tickle Tickle

By F. Fagnani

Age: 0-3 | Pages: 22 | 15x15 cm



My Four-Legged Books

By R. Bolaffio

Age 0-3 | Pages: 4 | 11x16.5 cm (closed) 76.5x16.5 cm (open)

Rights sold in Korea



Someone Like Anthony

by S. Mattiangeli
Ill. by M. Di Giorgio

Age: 4+ | Pages: 32 | 23x30 cm

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Have You Seen Anna?

by S. Mattiangeli
Ill. by C. Carrer

Age: 4+ | Pages: 32 | 23x30 cm

Rights sold in France, Spanish (World), Turkey, Simplified Chinese, Korea, Arabic (World)



How the Teacher Really Works

by S. Mattiangeli
Ill. by C. Carrer

Age: 4+ | Pages: 32 | 23x30 cm

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Cold Outside

by L. Ballerini
ill by P. Domeniconi

Age 4+ | Pages: 32 | 23x30 cm



The Most Beautiful Garden

by L. Tortolini
Ill. by B. Cerocchi

Age: 4+ | Pages: 32 | 23x30 cm

Rights sold in Turkey, Slovenia, Korea



Mr. Clump and Mr. Neat

by F. Silei
ill by A. Ferrari

Age 4+ | Pages: 48 | 23x30 cm

Rights sold in Korea, Traditional Chinese



Story of an Inkdrop and a Snowflake

by P. Baccalario, A. Gatti
Ill. by S. Mulazzani

Age: 4+ | Pages: 52 | 25x33 cm

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Amelia

by C. Bellemo
ill by S. Mulazzani

Age 4+ | Pages: 40 | 23x30 cm

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She's Not a Duck!
by F. Degl'Innocenti
Ill. by M. Girón

Age: 4+ | Pages: 32 | 23x30 cm

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Wanna Play With Us?
by F. Degl'Innocenti
Ill. by A. Cacciapuoti

Age: 4+ | Pages: 32 | 20,5x27 cm

Rights sold in Mongolia (optioned)



The Kind Crocodile
by L. Panzieri
Ill. by A. Ferrari

Age: 4+ | Pages: 32 | 23x30 cm

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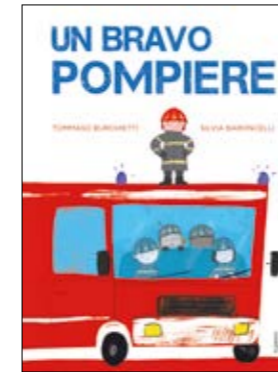
I Am a Horse
by B. Friot
Ill. by G. Tessaro

Age: 4+ | Pages: 32 | 23x30 cm

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★ **THE IF I WERE... SERIES**

by various authors | Illustrations by Silvia Baroncelli



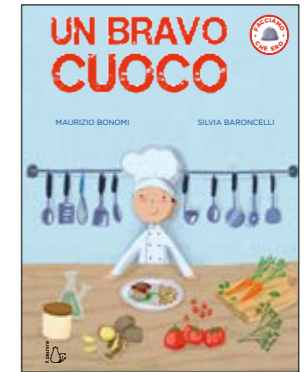
A Good Fireman
by T. Burchiotti

Age: 4+ | Pages: 32 | 20.5x27 cm



A Good Vet
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by M. Bonomi

Age: 4+ | Pages: 32 | 20.5x27 cm

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Yawns
by M. Viale

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When You're a Baboon
by L. Balducci
Ill. by F. Sardo

Age: 4+ | Pages: 32 | 23x30 cm

Rights sold in The Netherlands, Portugal, Simplified Chinese, Korea



The Red Hood
by A. Traini

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by Susanna Mattiangeli | illustrations by Rita Petruccioli



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Age: 7+ | Pages: 136, b/w illustrations | 14x20.5 cm

★ THE ADVENTURES OF NAZAR MALIK

by Olivia Corio | illustrations by Claudia Petrazzi



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Age: 8+ | Pages: 120, b/w illustrations | 14x20.5 cm

★ ADORCABLE

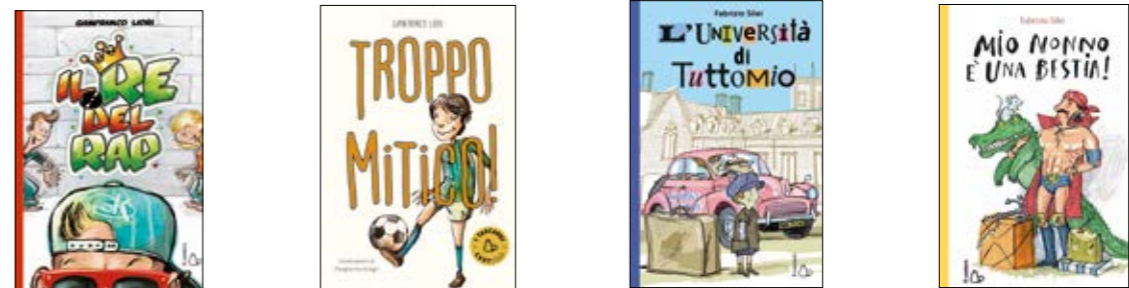
by Fabrizio Silei | illustrations by Fabrizio Di Baldo



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Age: 8+ | Pages: 136, b/w illustrations | 14x20.5 cm



The Hip-Hop King

by G. Liori
Ill. by M. Allegri

Age: 8+ | Pages: 192
b/w illustrations | 14x20.5 cm

What a Legend!

by G. Liori
Ill. by M. Allegri

Age: 8+ | Pages: 160
b/w illustrations | 14x20.5 cm

Rights sold in Serbia, Poland, Simplified Chinese

The All-Mine Academy Granddad Trouble

by F. Silei
Ill. by A. Gon

Age: 10+ | Pages: 256
b/w illustrations | 14x20.5 cm

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by F. Silei
Ill. by A. Gon

Age: 10+ | Pages: 128
b/w illustrations | 14x20.5 cm

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Poop Express: Let's Get Even!

by F. Moretti
Ill. by D. Guicciardini

Age: 9+ | Pages: 144
b/w illustrations | 14x20.5 cm

Rights sold in Spanish (Latin America)



The Recipe for Happiness

by E. Fornasari

Age: 10+ | Pages: 192 | 14x20.5 cm



Zorro in the Snow

by P. Zannoner

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The Scent of the Sun
by E. Castiglioni

Age: 11+ | Pages: 240 | 14x21 cm



Read the Clouds
by E. Castiglioni
Ill. by L. Sforza

Age: 10+ | Pages: 160 | 14x20.5 cm



The Girl with the Green Backpack
by E. Castiglioni

Age: 11+ | Pages: 200 | 14x20.5 cm



Rebecca and the Violin Spider
by O. Corio

Age: 11+ | Pages: 304 | 14x21 cm



Every Day, Every Minute
by L. Ballerini

Age 11+ | Pages: 192 | 14x21 cm



The Crossing
by F. D'Adamo

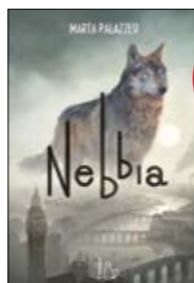
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The Boy in the Suitcase
by Z. Dazzi

Age: 9+ | Pages: 144 | 14x20.5 cm



Listen to the Beat
by Z. Dazzi

Age: 11+ | Pages: 184 | 14x20.5 cm



So Far So Close
by A. Tognolini

Age: 13+ | Pages: 176 | 14x21 cm



Code. Name. Zero
by L. Ballerini

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(Im)Perfects
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Two Detectives and a Dachshund
by E. Marigonda
Ill. by G. Scarafia

Age: 7+ | Pages: 160 | 14x20.5 cm
Full-color illustrations



The Red Zone
by S. Vecchini and Sualzo

Age: 9+ | Pages: 144 | 14x20.5 cm
Full-color illustrations

Rights sold in USA, Spanish (Latin America), Korea, Slovenia



21 Giorni alla Fine del Mondo
by S. Vecchini and Sualzo

Age: 11+ | Pages: 208 | 14x20.5 cm
Full-color illustrations

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Words Can Do Anything
by S. Vecchini and Sualzo

Age: 12+ | Pages: 224 | 14x20.5 cm
Full-color illustrations



Clara and the Shadows
by Andrea Fontana
Ill. by Claudia Petrazzi

Age: 11+ | Pages: 184 | 14x20.5 cm
Full-color illustrations

Rights sold in France, Spanish (World), Catalan



Merry-Go-Round
by Sergio Rossi
Ill. by Agnese Innocente

Age 14+ | Pages: 184 | 15.8x23 cm
Full-color illustrations

Rights sold in USA, France, Spanish (Spain), Russia



The Big Book of Magical Objects
by P. Baccalario and J. Olivieri
Ill. by M. Somà

Age: 10+ | Pages: 128 with 16 flaps
Full-color illustrations | 23x30 cm

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To Post or Not to Post?
From an idea by Parole Ostili
by F. Taddia and C. Cubeddu
Ill. by GUD

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