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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY,
IL CASTORO!**

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PANGO AND DILLO

By Francesca Ortona | Illustrations by Lorenzo Sangiò



The perfect book to face
the first day of school!

PICTURE BOOK
HARDCOVER
PAGES: 32
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 23X30cm
AGE: 4+

■ Pango and Dillo have just one thing in common: they both know how to curl up into a ball! That's because they are a pangolin and an armadillo. Dillo is wild and outgoing, while Pango is shy and kind of scared of things. The first day of school is a challenge for both of them. But friendship is the key to get over their insecurities and to discover that school can be a great place after all.

- THEMES
- DIVERSITY
 - FEARS AND EMOTIONS
 - BACK TO SCHOOL





**We all need a place to ourselves:
an empty burrow to fill
with our imagination.**

**PICTURE BOOK
HARDCOVER
PAGES: 32
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 23X30cm
AGE: 3+**

THEMES

- DOING NOTHING
- TIME FOR YOURSELF
- RELATIONSHIPS
- FAMILY
- PLAY

Silver is the youngest mouse in a loud mouse family. He'd love to have a quiet spot all to himself to do what he likes best: absolutely nothing! But it is almost impossible in his burrow: his noisy brothers and sisters are all over the place, playing ball, dancing and listening to music, cooking... What should Silver do? He tries to find refuge in the burrows belonging to his forest friends. But finding a place all to himself is harder than finding a treasure...



A PLACE JUST FOR ME

By Loredana Baldinucci | Illustrations by Melinda Berti





CAPTAIN BUMP: SERIES

By Andrea Visibelli | Illustrations by Davide Panizza



HARDCOVER
PAGES: 48
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 7+

A mini-series with lots of colourful illustrations – the perfect books for early readers.

■ It's not easy to be a captain, especially if you don't even know what it really means. But Bump does know one thing: he doesn't want to let his friends down. And he soon learns that even a captain needs... A SHIP! So he sets off on a fun, crazy adventure to capture the most beautiful vessel of all and to set sail with his crew.

BOOK #1
Bump wants to make his dream come true: he will become a pirate. So he starts a journey to find his crew. But what is a crew without a ship?

BOOK #2
Captain Bump and his crew take part into the renowned Boiled Fish battle to win the precious pirate licence.

- THEMES
- FUN
 - ADVENTURE
 - FRIENDSHIP
 - PIRATES
 - BRAVERY
- RIGHTS SOLD IN
- SPANISH (WORLD)
 - CATALAN
 - ROMANIAN





COMING SOON

COMING SOON

HARDCOVER
PAGES: 112
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 7+

A mystery series set in Victorian times, filled with humour and plot twists.

THEMES

- HUMOUR
- MYSTERY
- LONDON
- CATS
- FRIENDSHIP
- ADVENTURE

Lady Bertha lives in a beautiful, elegant building in Victorian London with her aristocratic family. But she definitely prefers her true passion – solving mysteries – to fancy balls and afternoon teas! Along with her trusty cat Joseph and all her friends, Bertha is the head of the most incredible detective agency in town, and ready to solve even the most mysterious cases!

BOOK #1

LADY BERTHA AND THE RIPPED HATS

Who's been destroying the hats of London's high society?

BOOK #2

LADY BERTHA AND THE VANISHED CAKE (SPRING 2024)

There's a wedding on the way and Bertha's family is in a flutter! It'll be up to Bertha to find out who stole the wedding cake.

BOOK #3

LADY BERTHA AND THE TOWER RAVENS (FALL 2024)

The Tower of London and its guardian ravens are enveloped in a puzzling mystery. Bertha and her friends will investigate the misdeed and save the day.



LADY BERTHA: SERIES

By Brian Freschi | Illustrations by Elena Triolo



AWA, FREE THEM ALL!

By Francesco D'Adamo | Illustrations by Lorenzo Sangiò



HARDCOVER
PAGES: 160
WITH B/W
ILLUSTRATIONS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 8+

**The perfect novel
for anyone who loves
adventure and who
defends the weak.**

■ The Village of the Free Minds, a series of gangways and stilts built above tall, ancient baobab trees, is inhabited by girls and boys who fight to defend children in danger. The great chief is called Awa: a fierce little girl as tiny and strong as a coffee bean. One day they receive a strange request for help from the sea, from a ghost ship: children are kept prisoners and forced to work! It's time to save them!

- THEMES
- ADVENTURE
 - JUSTICE
 - ENVIRONMENT
 - HUMAN RIGHTS

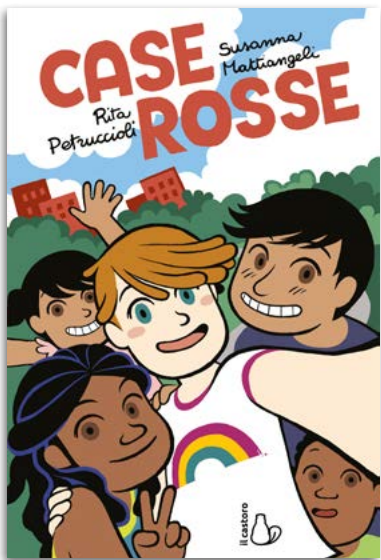
Girls and boys all over the world, unite!
Awa needs you, the world needs you!





RED BRICKS

By Susanna Mattiangeli | Illustrations by Rita Petruccioli



FLEXICOVER
PAGES: 144
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 10+

A fun slice-of-life story, perfect for Raina Telgemeier's fans.

Red Bricks is where Joy, Mina and Julia live. Here they form a deep friendship, steeped in dreams, desires and emotions they share daily. Between first loves and plans for the future, they grow up together and discover who they really are, or at least they try to. With one overriding certainty: they are citizens of the whole wide world.

- THEMES
- FRIENDSHIP
 - GROWING UP
 - SCHOOL
 - LOVE
 - IMAGINARY WORLDS

The eagerly-awaited return of the pair who came up with the beloved *HB Pencil* series translated in 10 countries!





**A wild, crazy and hilarious
adventure in space.**

FLEXICOVER
PAGES: 176
FULL COLOURS
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AGE: 10+

THEMES

- RACES
- PILOTS
- PLANETS
AND STARS
- MONSTERS
- BIG BLASTS

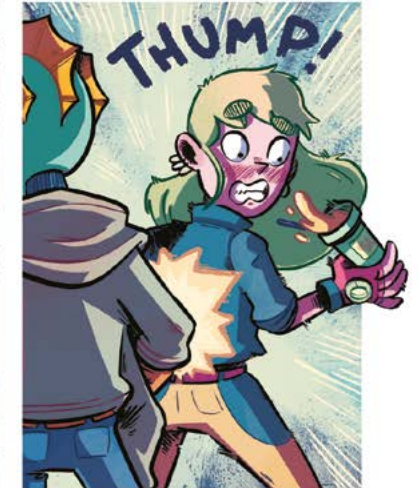
■ Marta and Stax dream of becoming the reigning champions of motorsnail races at the LunarPark! They come up against Uranians, Venusians and pilots from every other planet. Overtakings, explosions, tunnels on fire, giant monsters... only the fastest will survive!

**The first rule of motorsnail racing is:
there are no rules in motorsnail racing!**



MOTORSNAILS

By Jacopo Napolitano | Illustrations by Francesco Sala



STOP!

By Pierdomenico Baccalario, Andrea Canobbio | Illustrations by Susanna Mariani



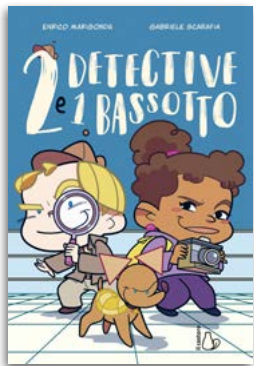
An entertaining
graphic novel
describing adolescence
one “bit” at a time.

■ Obsessed with videogames, Cloud and Buck decide to put together a rowdy team of kids to create one of their very own: *Stop!*. Between friendship, evenings at the arcade, secret hideaway and some fighting, will the kids' dream of seeing *Stop!* actually produced come true?

■ THEMES

- VIDEOGAMES
- FRIENDSHIP
- FIRST LOVE
- SCHOOL
- FAMILY
- DREAMS





HARDCOVER
PAGES: 112
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 7+

A mystery full of thrilling plot twists and funny jokes that will keep young readers glued to the page.

THEMES

- FUN
- HUMOUR
- DETECTIVES
- MYSTERY

RIGHTS SOLD IN

- TURKEY

Arthur is an avid reader of detective stories, and he and his loyal dachshund Poirot have just one goal: to solve crimes and make the guilty pay. Along with Agatha, daughter of the most famous detective in town, they make an impressive team... with a great nose for mysteries.

BOOK #1 TWO DETECTIVES AND A DACHSHUND

Arthur, Agatha and the dachshund are called on to solve a "stinky" crime at school. Someone has put a skunk in the principal's car, and their best friend has been falsely accused.

BOOK #2 TWO DETECTIVES AND A DACHSHUND THE WATER PARK MYSTERY

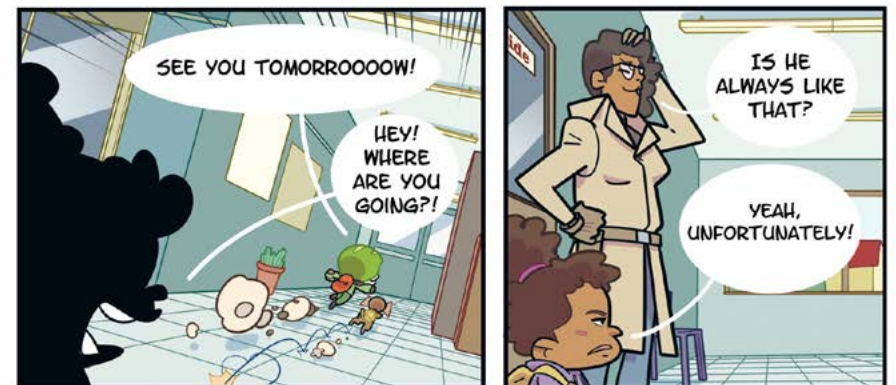
The amazing trio has to save their summer holidays after someone has filled the pool at the water park with foam.

Captain Underpants meets Agatha Christie!



TWO DETECTIVES AND A DACHSHUND

By Enrico Marigonda | Illustrations by Gabriele Scarafia





A thrilling adventure
against the exotic
backdrop of Japan.

HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 188
FORMAT: 14X21cm
AGE: 12+

THEMES

- HISTORICAL NOVEL
- ADVENTURE
- CONFLICT
- FRIENDSHIP
- JAPAN
- FREEDOM
- BRAVERY

Japan, 1852. On the run from his family, 15-year-old Portuguese boy Tiago Barreto boards the ship Mississippi, destination Nagasaki. Unjustly accused of murder and sentenced to death, Tiago manages to escape his fate but he is caught by Kentaro, who is also 15 and Japanese, not to mention highly skilled with a sword and the son of a clan that hates Westerners.

Although they cannot stand each other, the two youths are forced to team up. Kentaro needs to find his sister, who's been kidnapped, while Tiago relies on Kentaro to reach Nagasaki and freedom. So begins an adventurous journey by land and sea, accompanied by Kentaro's majestic dog Mamoru (which means "Protector" in Japanese).

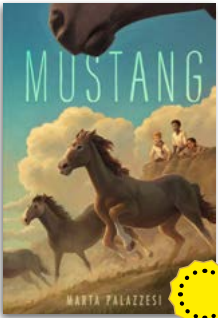


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MIST
10+ | 160pp | 14X21cm

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USA, Denmark,
Poland, Russia, Ukraine,
Macedonia, Japan, Albania



MUSTANG
10+ | 176pp | 14X21cm



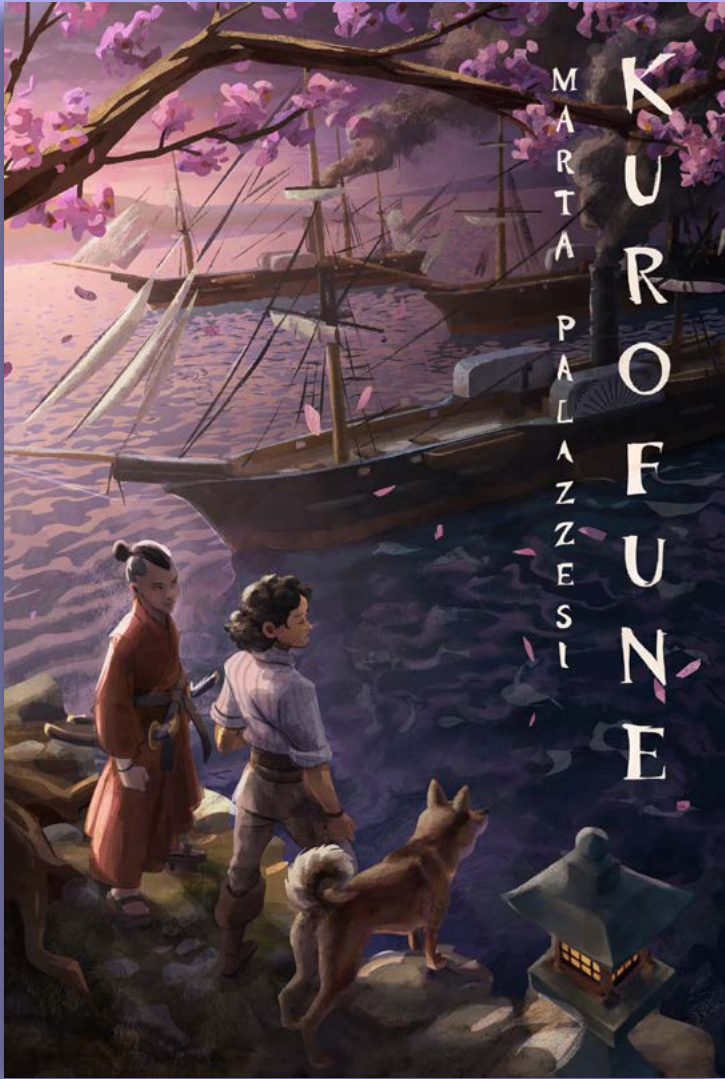
ALKREM
12+ | 368pp | 14X21cm

RIGHTS SOLD IN
USA

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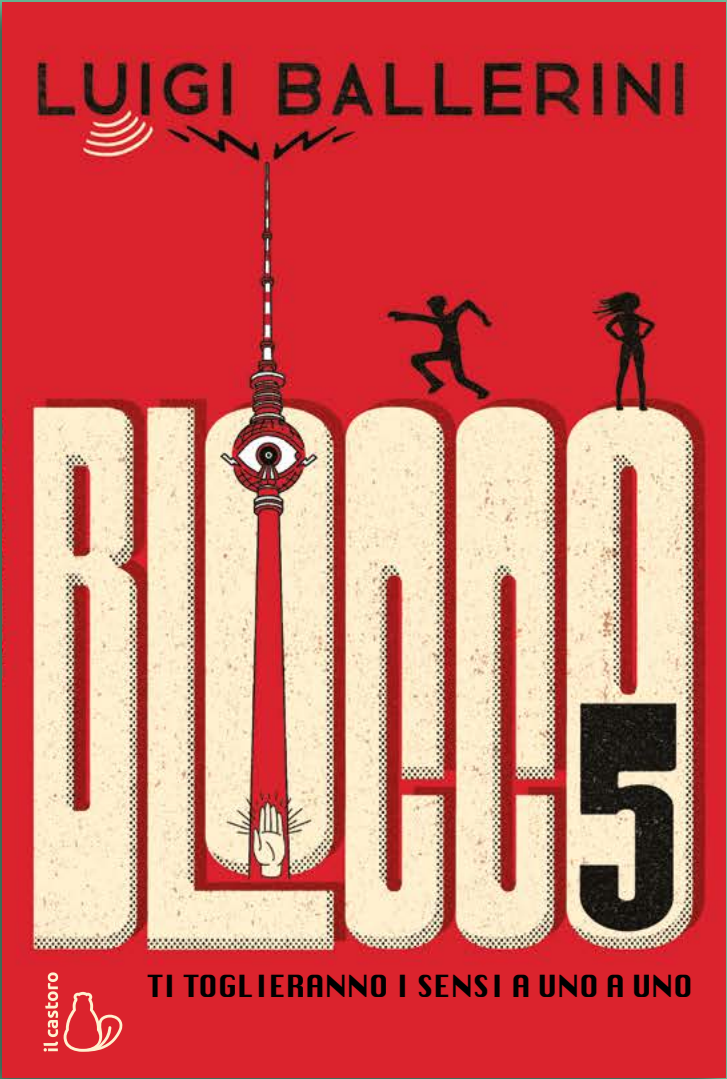
KUROFUNE

By Marta Palazzesi



BLOCK 5

By Luigi Ballerini



HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 240
FORMAT: 14X21cm
AGE: 12+

The new dystopian novel
by a bestselling author.

■ Block 1. Touch. Block 2. Taste. Block 3. Smell. Block 4. Hearing. Block 5. Sight.

In a not-too distant future, parents want model children and can decide whether to punish them or not by inhibiting their senses one by one. Up to Block 5, which freezes them completely – all via a handy mobile app. 16-year-old Mathias is the Governess' son. He is angry and unruly because he knows what it is like to be blocked, but the idea of rebelling seems impossible. Until a girl he's never met before, Evelynne, makes contact to involve him in mysterious, subversive activities. Can Mathias really trust her?

■ THEMES

- TECHNOLOGY
- CONTROL
- POWER
- PUNISHMENT
- FUTURE
- REBELLION

From the same author:



CODE. NAME. ZERO
12+ | 192pp | 14X21cm

RIGHTS SOLD IN
France, Spanish (Mexico and Central America), The Netherlands, Flemish, Poland, Lithuania, Slovenia, Malta, Denmark, Turkey, Simplified Chinese



MYRA KNOWS EVERYTHING
12+ | 296pp | 14X21cm

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France, Slovenia, Turkey

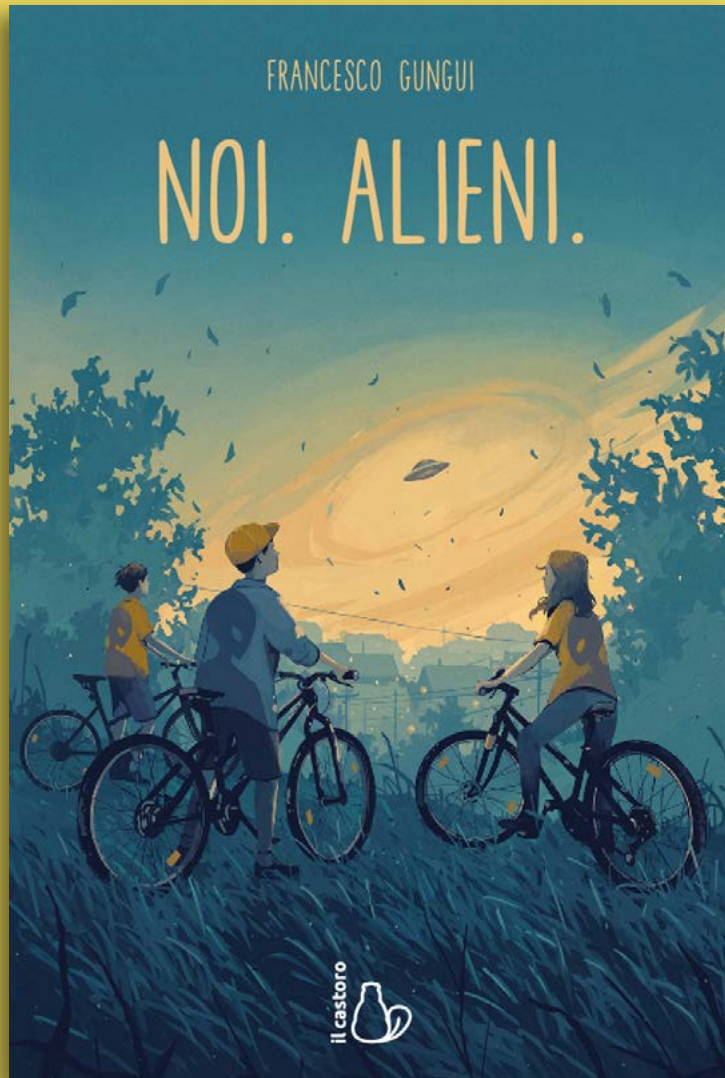


TO SECOND HUMANITY
12+ | 208pp | 14X21cm

RIGHTS SOLD IN
Turkey

US. ALIENS.

By Francesco Gungui



HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 220
FORMAT: 14X21
AGE: 11+

**The perfect novel for fans
of UFOs and *Stranger Things*!**

■ THEMES

- SECRETS
- MILITARY BASE
- EARTHQUAKE
- ALIENS
- KIDNAPPINGS
- TIME TRAVEL

**“What if aliens abducted him?”
“Aliens do not exist.”**

■ Strange things have been happening in the countryside village where Rick and his friends live. First the earth starts to shake, then Rick’s best friend Ulysses disappears. The kids are sure it is no coincidence, as they had other odd experiences: a meeting with a strange green creature in the woods and the attack of a group of killer ants.

As they search for Ulysses, Rick and his friends believe he is also searching for them, from a different spatial dimension. So maybe the truth is not so far away, and aliens resemble us more than we think.

A genuine and moving story about sports. *Billy Elliot* for the new generations!

HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 176
FORMAT: 14X21
AGE: 14+

■ THEMES

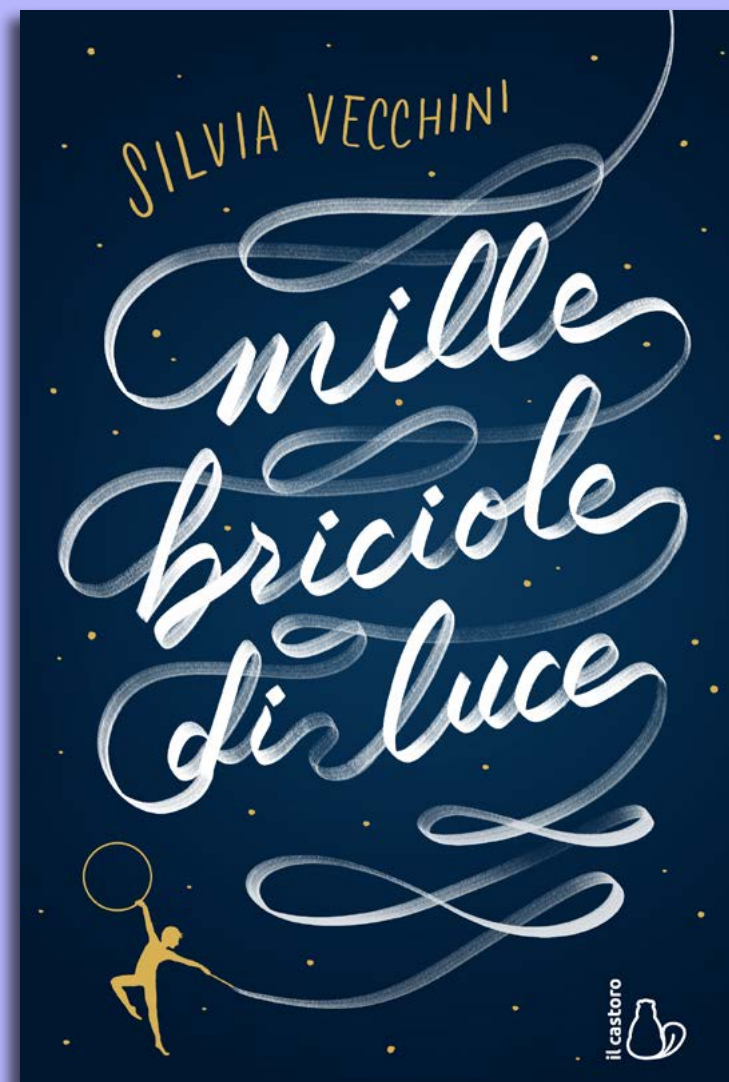
- BEING YOURSELF
- EMPOWERMENT
- PASSION
- SPORT
- TRUTH

**He doesn't walk: he flies and twirls.
He always has a tune in his head
and a step, a jump, a turn to try out.**

■ Danny is a 12-year-old boy who has lost his mother, a skilled gymnast. He now lives with his father, who loves him but doesn't know how to show it. Danny has a great – though secret – passion: rhythmic gymnastics, a sport generally considered for girls only. Ambra and Radu are the friends he can count on, as they support him in cultivating his talent. But what will people in their small town think of a boy who loves to twirl gracefully in the air? It might be time for Danny to fly even higher – if he wants to follow his dreams and go beyond the world's superficial eyes.

A THOUSAND SPECKS OF LIGHT

By Silvia Vecchini



THE FORBIDDEN HOUR

By Lucia Stipari



HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 144
FORMAT: 14X21
AGE: 14+

**A novel that tastes
of summer, mythology,
and first kisses.**

■ THEMES

- SUMMER
- FIRST LOVE
- FREEDOM
- FEELINGS
- DEMIGODS

**“Is this how love happens?
With no warning, like a sudden
change in the weather?”**

■ Philomena, 14 years old, returns to the house at the seaside that used to belong to her grandmother. She has trouble accepting her grandmother’s death and the only way she can make her all anger go away is wandering outside in the early afternoon hours. It’s the so-called “forbidden hour”, when the sun shines at its peak and you’d better stay inside and rest, because strange things might happen...

That’s when Philo meets Damien: who is this boy that stirs up so many feelings in her? Why doesn’t he have a shadow, like a demigod? While Damien’s mystery slowly unfolds, Philomena learns to let go and enjoy every second.

**The only novel
in the world
with a hole in it.**

HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 176
FORMAT: 14X21
AGE: 14+

■ THEMES

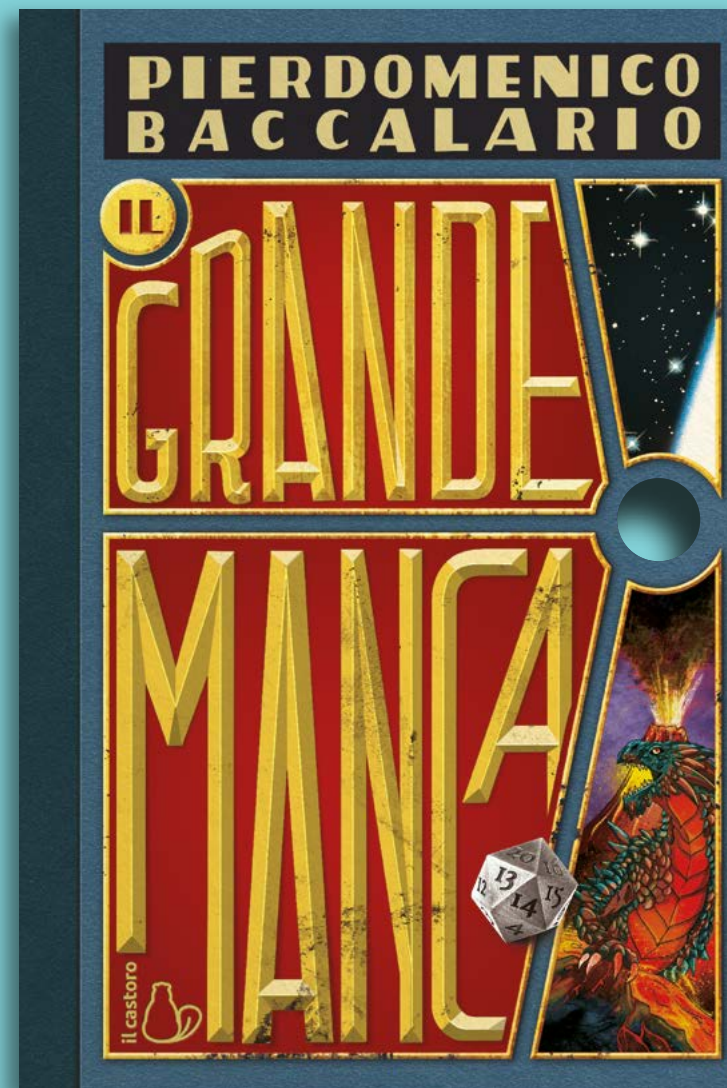
- FRIENDS
AND SIBLINGS
- MISSING
- ROLE-PLAYING
GAMES
- BOOKS

**A story that brings together
thrills, action and fantasy worlds.**

■ We're all missing something. Something we can never find even though we keep on searching. 14-year-old Victor misses his brother Fred, who is unconscious at the hospital, after a mysterious accident at home. Since he can't make up for this absence any other way, Victor looks for his brother in the traces that he left behind: Fred's four best friends, his incomplete book and comic collections, role-playing games and even a dark matter anomaly detected by their parents (both physicists). But did he ever really know his brother? In exploring that beloved figure, Victor also learns something about himself.

THE MISSING PIECE

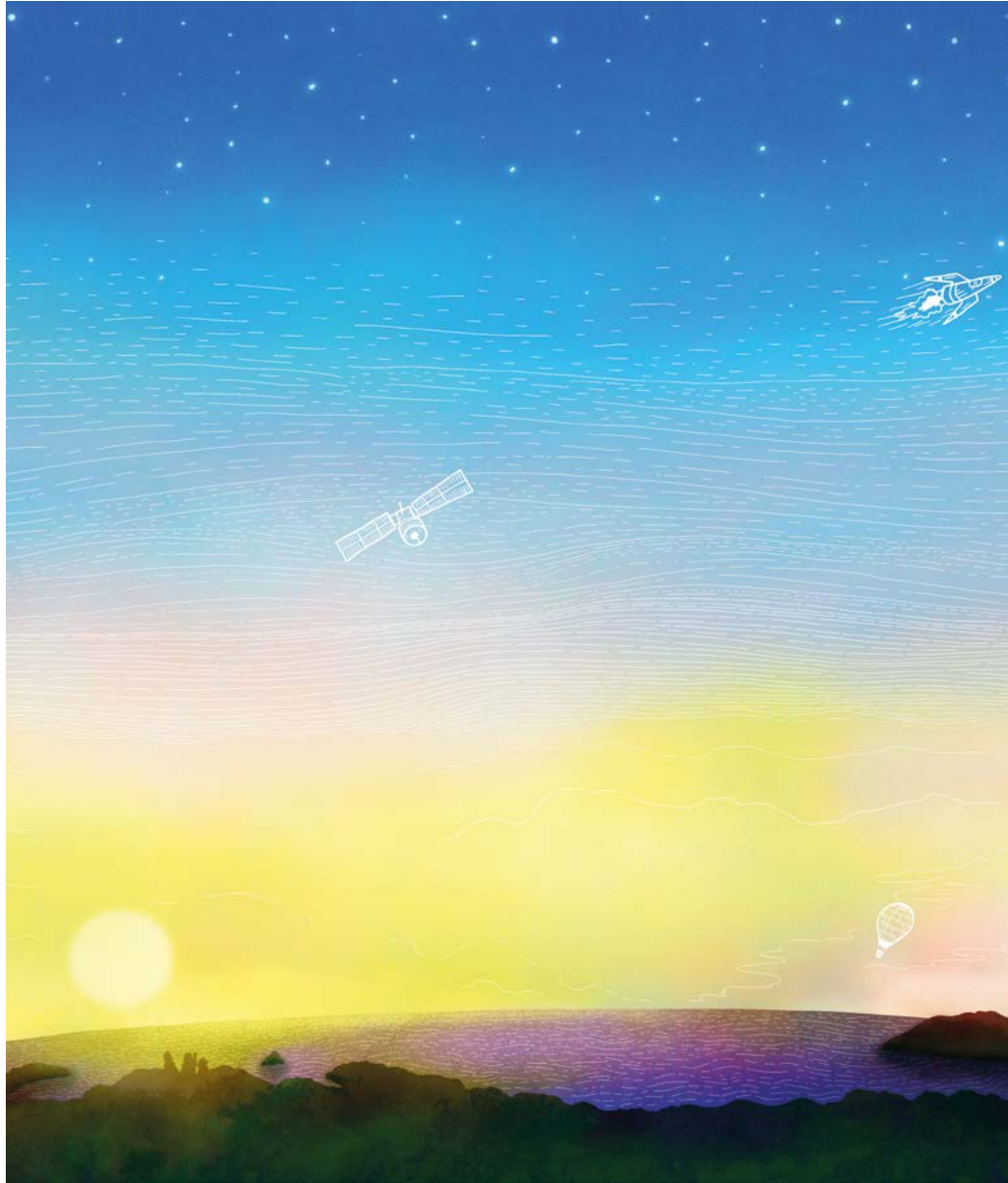
By Pierdomenico Baccalario





NON-FICTION

By Cecilia Botta



**A journey reminding us
that we are part of a much
bigger whole, which we
must love and protect.**

- SIMPLIFIED
CHINESE

**NON-FICTION** ■

15 QUESTIONS

By Pierdomenico Baccalario and Federico Taddia
Illustrations by GUD, C. Petrazzi, M. Mariani, E. Triolo and C. Razzoli



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AGE: 11+

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5. IS THERE ANYONE UP THERE?
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7. ARE WE ALL GONNA BECOME ROBOTS?
8. ARE WE "PERFECT MACHINES"?
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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■ BOARD BOOKS ■



WHAT SOUNDS DOES IT MAKE?

THE WOOD

By C. Bellemo
ill. by G. Bordinchia

0-3 | 16pp | 17X17cm



WHAT SOUNDS DOES IT MAKE?

OUR BODIES

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MY TREASURE BASKETS

Project by C. Arienti
Photos by A. Nastasi

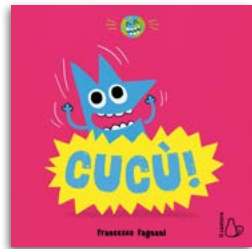
0-3 | 22pp | 15X15cm



MY TREASURE BASKET OF THE SEASONS

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PEEKABOO

By F. Fagnani

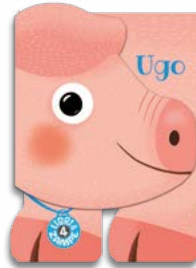
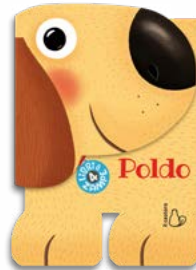
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TICKLE TICKLE

By F. Fagnani

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MY FOUR-LEGGED BOOKS

By R. Bolaffio

0-3 | 4pp

11X16.5cm (CLOSED)

76.5X16.5cm (OPEN)

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Korea

■ PICTURE BOOKS ■



HIDEAWAY

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Denmark, Turkey,
Greece, Slovenia,
Spanish (Latin America)



SOMEONE LIKE ANTHONY

by S. Mattiangeli
ill. by M. Di Giorgio

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France, Spanish (World),
Ukraine, Turkey,
Simplified Chinese,
Arabic (World), Japan,
Croatia, Slovenia,
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THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

by L. Tortolini
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THE MONKEY THAT GOT LOST
by L. Tortolini
ill. by S. Rea

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STORY OF AN INKDROP AND A SNOWFLAKE
by P. Baccalario, A. Gatti
ill. by S. Mulazzani

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SHE'S NOT A DUCK!
by F. Degl'Innocenti
ill. by M. Girón

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm
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Spanish (World), Catalan, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Simplified Chinese



WHEN YOU'RE A BABOON
by L. Balducci
ill. by F. Sardo

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm
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The Netherlands, Portugal, Simplified Chinese, Korea



MR. CLUMP AND MR. NEAT
by F. Silei
ill. by A. Ferrari

4+ | 48pp | 25X33cm
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Korea, Traditional Chinese



THE RED HOOD
by A. Traini

4+ | 64pp | 26X18cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
Spanish (World), Catalan, Greece, Traditional Chinese, France



WANNA PLAY WITH US?
by F. Degl'Innocenti
ill. by A. Cacciapuoti

4+ | 32pp | 20.5X27cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
Mongolia (optioned)



THE KIND CROCODILE
by L. Panzieri
ill. by A. Ferrari

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
USA, Spanish (World), Greece, Armenia, Arabic (World), Japan, Korea, Simplified Chinese, Russia



I AM A HORSE
by B. Friot
ill. by G. Tessaro

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YAWNS
by M. Viale

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France, South Africa, Turkey, Korea, Simplified Chinese

THE IF I WERE... SERIES

By various authors | Illustrations by Silvia Baroncelli



A GOOD FIREMAN
By T. Burchietti



A GOOD VET
By D. Quagliotti



A GOOD COOK
By M. Bonomi

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OLLIE AND STORM

By Antonio Ferrara | Illustrations by Agnese Innocente



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FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
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HB PENCIL

By Susanna Mattiangeli | Illustrations by Rita Petruccioli

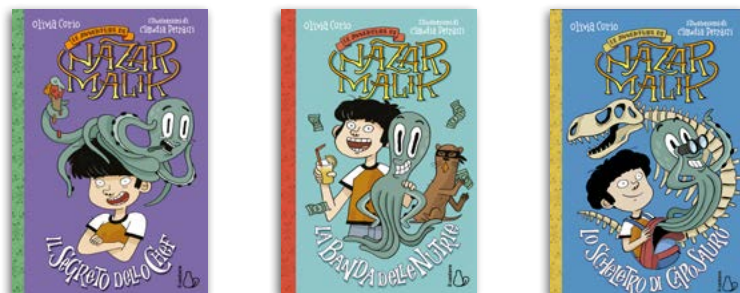


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France, Spanish (World),
Catalan, Russia, Ukraine,
Turkey, Korea, Poland,
Slovenia, Croatia

THE ADVENTURES OF NAZAR MALIK

By Olivia Corio | Illustrations by Claudia Petrazzi



HARDCOVER
PAGES: 120
B/W ILLUSTRATIONS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE 8+

RIGHTS SOLD IN
France, Spanish (World),
Catalan, Korea, Ukraine,
Turkey

ADORCABLE

By Fabrizio Silei | Illustrations by Fabrizio Di Baldo



MOVIE
RIGHTS
OPTIONED

HARDCOVER
PAGES: 136
B/W ILLUSTRATIONS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE 8+

RIGHTS SOLD IN
Spanish (World),
Turkey, Malta

MY CAT'S NAME IS ODIN

By Francesco Bedini | Illustrations by Stefano Tambellini



HARDCOVER
PAGES: 176
B/W ILLUSTRATIONS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 8+

(BOOK 1+2)
RIGHTS SOLD IN
France, Russia,
Turkey, Albania





THE HIP-HOP KING
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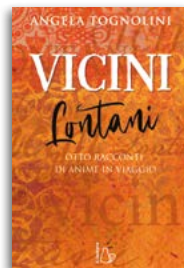
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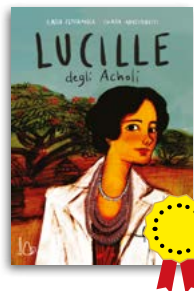
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