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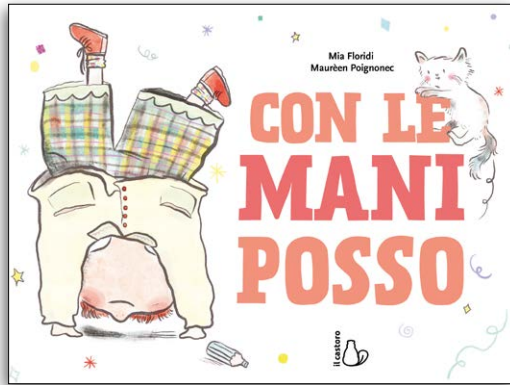


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PICTURE BOOKS

**The perfect book to laugh and
play with your babies.**



PICTURE BOOK
HARDCOVER
PAGES: 40
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 23X17cm
AGE: 1+

■ **THEMES**

- **BODY**
- **HANDS**
- **KISSES**
- **PLAYING**
- **INTERACTION**
- **LAUGHTER**

■ **FOR READERS OF**

- **HELEN OXENBURY**
- **JULIA DONALDSON**

■ How many things can I do with my hands?

I can caress your cheek and give it a pinch, pick up a leaf and crumble a cookie, I can scratch my ears and draw a friend, bake a cake and send a thousand kisses!

This sweet picture book is an endless game between adult and child, an invitation to discover jumping, moving and making sounds as you move your body.



WITH MY HANDS I CAN...

By Mia Floridi | Illustrations by Maurèen Poignonec



NO FIRE BREATHING

By Ilaria Perversi



PICTURE BOOK
HARDCOVER
PAGES: 40
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 23X30cm
AGE: 4+

THEMES

- DRAGONS
- RAGE
- FAMILY
- EMBRACING EMOTIONS
- RULES

RIGHTS SOLD IN

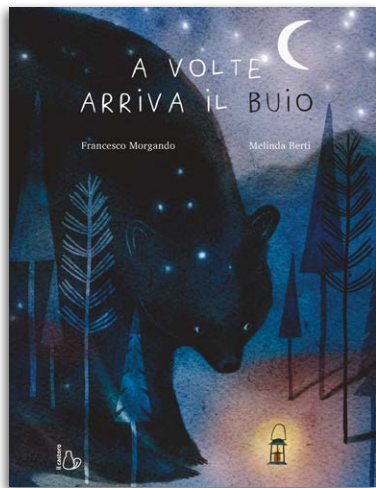
- KOREA (PREPUBLICATION)

Whether you're happy, angry or sad, never hold it back!

The mayor of Smokey Rock is tired of the fires that burst out after every little quarrel. That's why he has made an important decision: from now on, No Fire Breathing. But how can quick-tempered little Camilla restrain herself?

Blowing off a little steam sometimes just feels so right.





**A picture book to overcome
our fear of the dark
through trust and wonder.**

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

■ The dark is mysterious and sometimes scary. But if you think about it, the dark is also a friend that shows us lots of incredible things. Without the dark, we couldn't look up at the stars, go to the cinema, blow out the candles on our birthday cake. Sure you can live without it?



■ **THEMES**

- DARK
- WONDER
- CONFIDENCE
- NIGHT
- FEAR

■ **FOR READERS OF**

- *CAN'T YOU SLEEP, LITTLE BEAR?*
- *LEMONY SNICKET'S THE DARK*

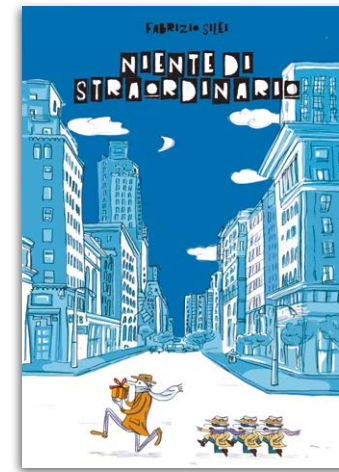
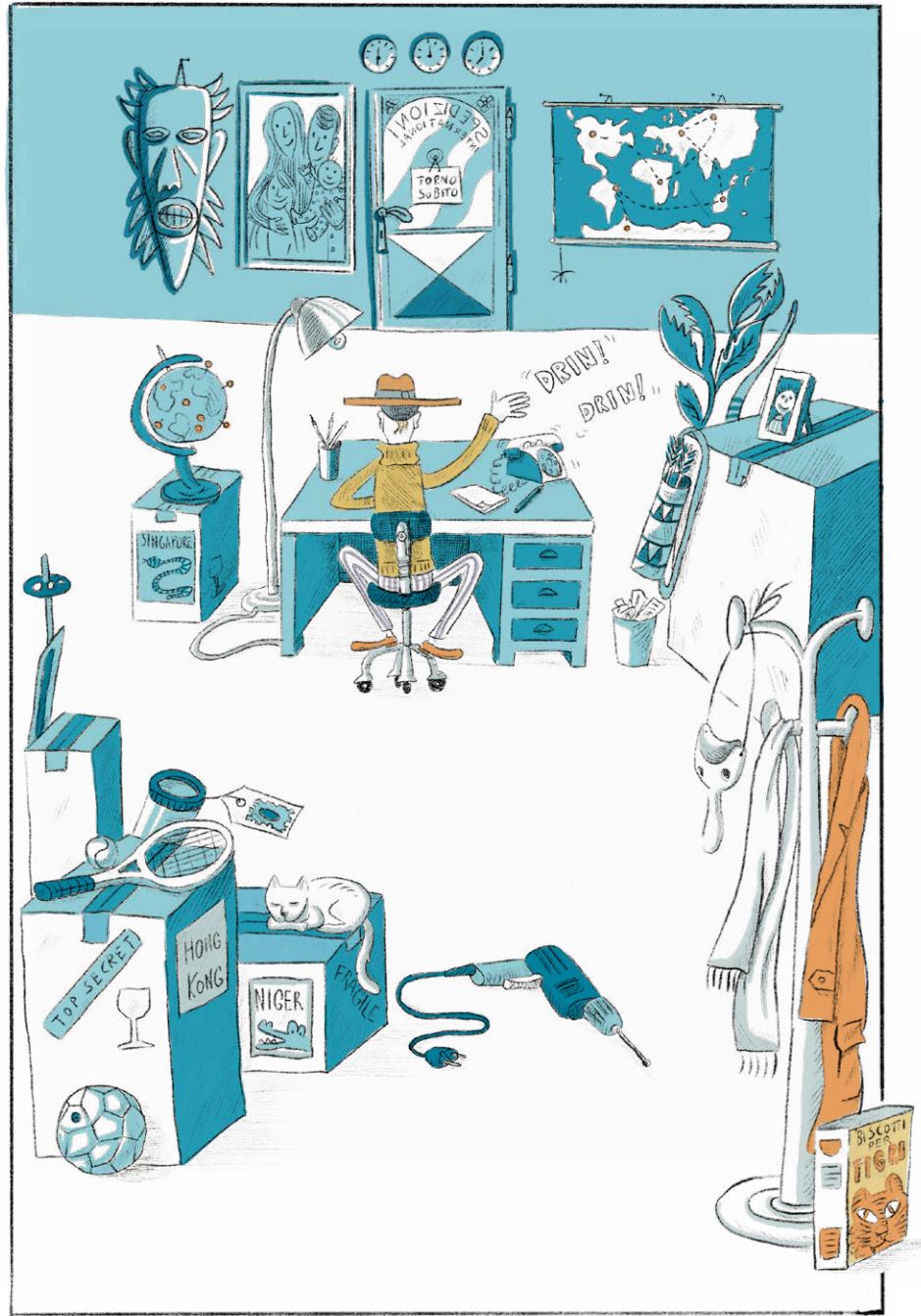
WHEN THE DARK COMES

By Francesco Morgando | Illustrations by Melinda Bertì



NOTHING EXTRAORDINARY

By Fabrizio Silei



**A silent book that will
put a smile on your face.
True heroes are among us!**

**SILENT PICTURE BOOK
HARDCOVER
PAGES: 40
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 20X26cm
AGE: 4+**

THEMES

- ADVENTURE
- MYSTERY
- HEROES
- JOURNEY
- SURPRISE

■ It's a perfectly ordinary day at the post office. A mysterious figure wrapped in a scarf, hat and raincoat gets a phone call. Right after, we see the figure cross the city, climb onto a hot-air balloon, wade through rivers, overcome tigers and crocodiles, sail the seas, skies and deserts... always followed by three suspicious characters. What could this person's mission be? And who is hiding behind that scarf and hat?







PAPERBACK
PAGES: 96
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 13X19cm
AGE: 7+

Big stories for little readers.

■ KEY POINTS

- GREAT AUTHORS
- CHAPTERS
- LITERARY GENRES
- EASY-TO-READ FONT
- DIE-CUT COVER
- COLOUR ILLUSTRATIONS

■ Mininovels aim to give children their first "big people" novels with chapters, a complex (but not complicated) plot, and a fun and original story.

BOOK #1 – THE GHOST OF THE MINE

■ GENRE:
Adventure

BOOK #2 – 54 SECONDS LATE

■ GENRE:
Humour

BOOK #3 – LISA TI AND THE MEDLAR

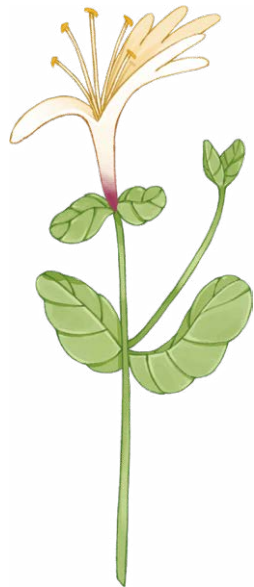
■ GENRE:
Mystery

BOOK #4 – FAIRIES DON'T EXIST

■ GENRE:
Spooky

BOOK #5 – THE ENEMY HAS NARROW EYES (JANUARY 2025)

■ GENRE:
Humour



And more titles to come!

MININOVELS: SERIES

By Various Authors



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
CAPTAIN BUMP AND THE APPLE OF THE SEAS
Captain Bump starts a journey to find his crew. But what is a crew without a ship?

BOOK #2
CAPTAIN BUMP AND THE BOILED FISH
Captain Bump and his crew take part into the renowned Boiled Fish battle to win the precious pirate licence.

BOOK #3
CAPTAIN BUMP AND THE MONSTER ISLAND
To break a curse, Captain Bump and his crew sail off for their first monstrous adventure as true pirates!

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





LADY BERTHA: SERIES

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

MIDDLE GRADE & SERIES



DREAM VOLLEY: SERIES

By Annalisa Strada and Myriam Sylla



HARDCOVER
PAGES: 128
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 9+

Fast paced, with simple, everyday adventures and true feelings: the *Baby-Sitters Club* with a sporty twist (volleyball)!

THEMES

- VOLLEYBALL
- SPORT
- DETERMINATION
- FRIENDSHIP
- CHALLENGE
- LOYALTY
- TEAM SPIRIT

RIGHTS SOLD IN

- RUSSIA
- TURKEY

Three girls with a love of volleyball. Catherine, Elisa and Victoria face the challenges of being 12 years old, both on and off the court, with their favourite team: Dream Volley!

BOOK #1 READY, SET... FLY!

12-year-old Catherine doesn't know what to do: she doesn't like dance anymore, and she's just argued with her best friend. Could it be time to try a new sport? Elisa gives her some good advice: volleyball!

BOOK #2 A TEAM'S IN TROUBLE

The Dream Volley team's in trouble: if they don't find a new sponsor, they'll have to merge with the unbearable enemies!

BOOK #3 THE AWAY GAME

A new challenge awaits the Dream Volley girls: their first away game.

BOOK #4 A GREAT OCCASION (NOVEMBER 2024)

It looks like Elisa's dream is about to come true: she has been noticed by an important team. But is she truly ready for such a big step?



**A book that represents a walk
through a lush and lively park.
Sounds, colours and stories
all year round.**

**HARDCOVER
WITH DIE-CUT JACKET
PAGES: 128
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 16.5X23cm
AGE: 7+**

■ Bellevue Park is a large park right downtown. Daniel, Martha, Gene and lots of other children come play here every day. Throughout the four seasons, they will collect enchanted mushrooms, save little birds from the snow, celebrate spring and explore the park on a summer's night.

■ **THEMES**

- SEASONS
- FRIENDS
- DISCOVERIES
- ANIMALS
- NATURE

From the same author:



123 SMILE STREET

**7+ | 128pp | 16.5X23cm
FULL COLOURS**

**RIGHTS SOLD IN
Poland**

ONE YEAR AT BELLEVUE PARK

By Lodovica Cima | Illustrations by Giulia Dragone



ADA AND THE MAGIC MIRROR

By Lucia Stipari | Illustrations by Giusy Gallizia



A novel for readers who dream
of being different...

It's great to be ourselves,
whoever we are.

HARDCOVER
PAGES: 128
B/W ILLUSTRATIONS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 8+

■ Ada loves reading in the attic, until one day she sees her reflection in an old dresser mirror and... it can talk! Her reflection can't wait to get out into the real world. The two Adas look identical, but they're complete opposites: one is thoughtful, a little shy and hates sports; the other is wild and loves to show off. What if Ada had her reflection take her place in everything she didn't want to do? A brilliant idea... or not?

■ THEMES

- IDENTITY
- DOPPELGÄNGER
- SHYNESS
- BRAVERY
- ACCEPTANCE
- MAGIC





A story filled with dreams, wishes, bravery and friendship.

HARDCOVER
PAGES: 144
B/W ILLUSTRATIONS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 8+

■ Lorry is a collector of wishes: he makes lots and lots of them, even if they don't all come true. So, he almost can't believe it when he participates in a charity draw and wins a wish jar that will make even his most hidden dreams come true... but is it really thanks to the jar?

■ **THEMES**

- WISHES
- GENEROSITY
- DREAMS
- SCHOOL
- BULLYING
- FRIENDSHIP



THE WISH JAR

By Eleonora Fornasari | Illustrations by Sara Brienza





Five years after *Mist*,
Marta Palazzesi returns
with a new chapter in Clay's story.

HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 176
FORMAT: 14X21cm
AGE: 10+

- THEMES
- JOURNEY

– AFRICA

– ADVENTURE

– FREEDOM

– CULTURE

– FAMILY

It's been two years since Clay saved Mist, the last living wolf in the United Kingdom, and he's now facing a choice: whether to stay in London or to set off for America with his old friend Ollie. He goes in search of his mentor, Sal, but all he finds is a bag full of papers and his past. Clay will then discover a trip to Africa that changed Sal's life, turning him into the mysterious but wise man Clay knows and loves.

From the same author:



KUROFUNE
12+ | 188 pp | 14X21cm

RIGHTS SOLD IN
Russia, Romania



ALKREM
12+ | 368pp | 14X21cm

RIGHTS SOLD IN
English (world)



MUSTANG
10+ | 176pp | 14X21cm

RIGHTS SOLD IN
English (world), Denmark,
Poland, Russia, Ukraine,
Macedonia, Japan,
Albania



MIST
10+ | 160pp | 14X21cm



SAL. FROM THE DESERT
TO THE RIVER

By Marta Palazzesi



THE NIGHT AROUND US

By Francesca Zoppei



**When you know who you truly are,
nobody can turn off your light.**

HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 192
FORMAT: 14X21cm
AGE: 13+

THEMES

- GENDER IDENTITY
- FIRST LOVE
- PAIN
- ILLUSION
- TOXIC MASCULINITY

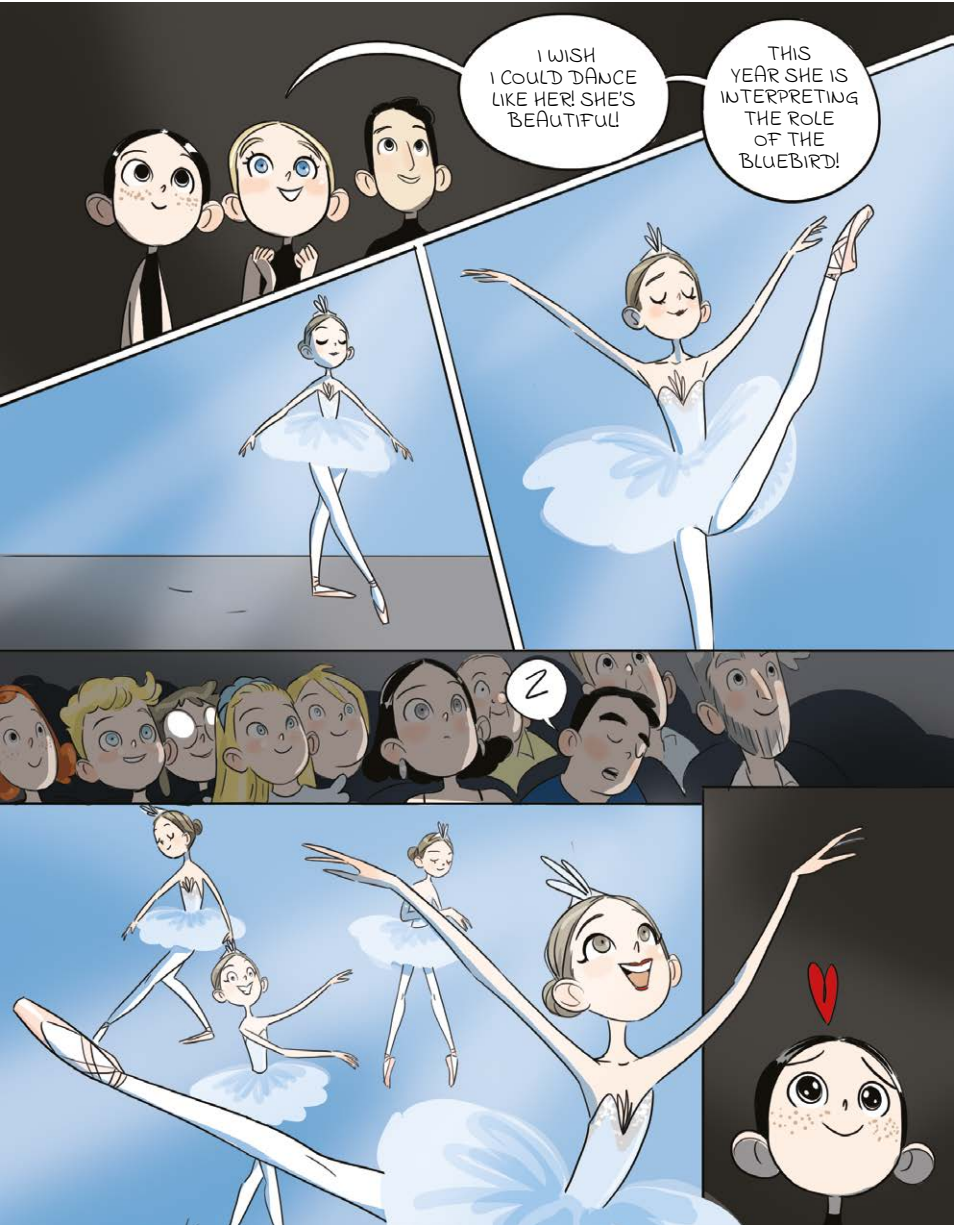
**A new voice that reminds of great,
international authors such as
Melvin Burgess and Adam Silvera.**

Today is the darkest day of Alex's life: his father's funeral. Yet it is precisely in this darkness that Alex meets Yuri and falls in love for the first time. Yuri is a promising young soccer player who lives on the outskirts of a small town, surrounded by alpha males. Loving him is not easy. Yuri prefers to hide his feelings from the rest of the community, and so their relationship remains secret. But rumours spread and, as their love grows stronger, so does the hatred around them. Will their love be strong enough to survive the flames?



ELECTRA. THE SECRET OF THE BLUEBIRD

By Brian Freschi | Illustrations by Elena Triolo



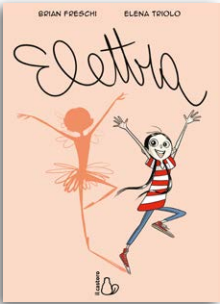
FLEXICOVER
PAGES: 184
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 9+

Dancing through changes, friendship and heartbeats: Electra's back!

It's the last summer before middle school starts, and Electra is dealing with a lot of feelings: happiness for her friends and ballet classes, fear of the future and yet another change, curiosity for the mystery enveloping her mother's past. During a holiday on her grandparents' farm, she learns that changes aren't that bad if we experience them with someone we love.

- THEMES
- SPORTS
 - FRIENDSHIP
 - SCHOOL
 - BALLET
 - CHANGES
 - GROWING UP
 - FEELINGS

From the same author:



ELECTRA
9+ | 144pp | 14x20.5cm

- RIGHTS SOLD IN
- ENGLISH (WORLD)
 - FRANCE
 - SPANISH (WORLD)
 - CATALAN
 - UKRAINE
 - KOREA
 - POLAND
 - SLOVAKIA
 - CROATIA
 - PORTUGAL
 - TURKEY



**A special friendship,
an invisible pain and the
hardships of growing up:
the complex and delicate
nature of adolescence.**

FLEXICOVER
PAGES: 208
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 15.8X23cm
AGE: 12+

THEMES

- HIKIKOMORI
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- MENTAL HEALTH
- ADOLESCENCE
- LOVE
- FRIENDSHIP

RIGHTS SOLD IN

- FRANCE

Tea and Viola are inseparable, until one day Viola shuts herself in her room after a fight. While Viola is paralyzed by an unseen, nameless enemy, Tea must move on, and her days flow like a social media countdown towards the finals of the regional swimming meet. The bond between the two girls – surrounded by their friends and families – never really breaks, despite long silences and a seeming absence... until an unexpected event brings them close again.



THE TENDER YEARS

By Francesca Torre | Illustrations by Sara Malucelli

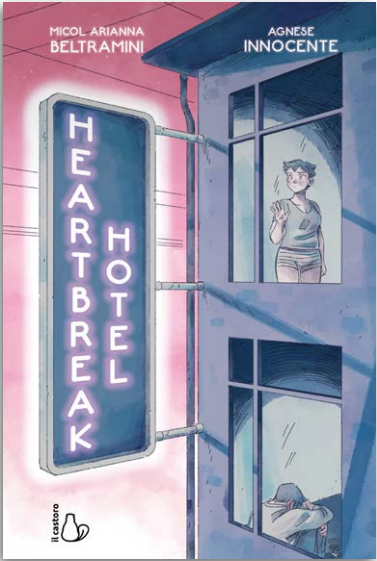




NEW ADULT (16+)

HEARTBREAK HOTEL

By Micol Arianna Beltramini | Illustrations by Agnese Innocente



HARDCOVER
PAGES: 192
FORMAT: 15.8X23cm
AGE: 16+

Broken hearts, welcome to the Heartbreak Hotel.

A graphic novel as painful and intense as only first love can be.

■ Maya has lost the love of her life. Martin was made fun of by the boy of his dreams. Fiona was betrayed by her boyfriend and best friend. Finn feels responsible for what happened to his girlfriend. Different hearts yet equally broken, welcomed into the deceptive warmth of the Heartbreak Hotel. But there's a time to cry over your love woes and a time to get over them. And to open back up to the world as you heal.

■ **THEMES**

- LOVE
- BETRAYAL
- PAIN
- ILLUSION
- DECEPTION
- SELF-CARE

■ **RIGHTS SOLD IN**

- SPANISH (WORLD)
- FRANCE
- GERMANY
- PORTUGAL
- BRAZIL
- POLAND



**MOVIE RIGHTS
OPTIONED**

NEW ADULT

NEW ADULT

THE HIDDEN SOCIETY

By Archer sisters



HARDCOVER WITH METALLIC JACKET, COLORED EDGE
PAGES: 420
FORMAT: 15.8X23cm
AGE: NEW ADULT

- RIGHTS SOLD IN
- FRANCE
 - THE NETHERLANDS
 - RUSSIA
 - AUDIO (AUDIBLE)

- RIGHTS REPRESENTED BY
IL CASTORO AND BOOK ON A TREE

BOOK #1 SPELLS AND BRASS (MAGICIANS)

Ambra Valmori believes her only concerns are her upcoming Persian Archaeology exam and a fierce rivalry with her despised academic competitor at Venice University, Ismael Sagredo. Fate, however, has a different plan in store. One night, she ends up in the towers and libraries of Seledia Academy of Magic, where she will unravel a mystery that concerns her past and discover that magic is a dangerous part of herself as well.

BOOK #2 ABYSS AND CHARM (MERMAIDS)

Safira is the Princess of Mermaids, so she has to seduce and kill a human being to make her magic powerful and complete. Aris is her intended victim: a young sailor, sweet and handsome. But he's also the one who will show Safira the beauty of the human world and that she is different from what she always thought.

OTHER TITLES IN THE SERIES:

- BOOK #3 DREAMS AND SPARKS (FAES) – MARCH 2025
BOOK #4 WINGS AND SHADOWS (DEMONS) – OCTOBER 2025

**A new romantasy saga
that will make your heart
beat faster and stronger
than ever before.**

NEW ADULT

MOVIE
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VENICE

RIVALS
TO LOVERS

BOOKTOK
VIBES

ROMANTASY

PLOT TWISTS

DARK ACADEMIA

★ Four authors ★

★ Four magical worlds ★

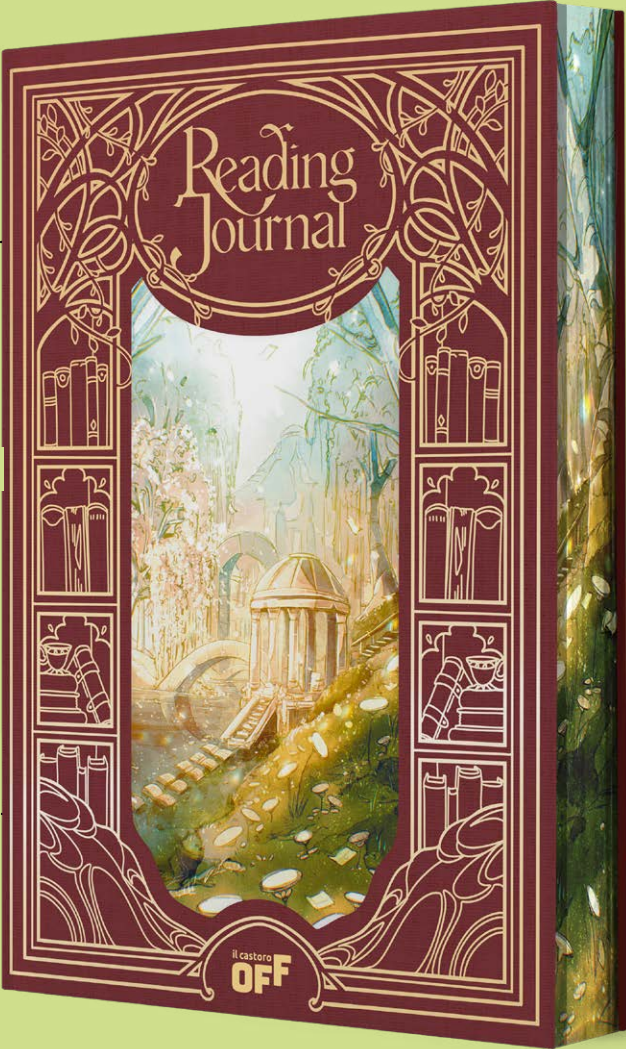
★ Four cities ★

★ Four destinies revealed in the tarot cards ★

★ Four incredible love stories ★

READING JOURNAL

By Martina Ponente



BOOK-THEMED
STICKERS

TBR LIST

CHARMING
ILLUSTRATIONS

COLORLED EDGES

RATING NOTES

RIBBON
MARKER

A romance-inspired
companion for avid readers.

HARDCOVER: IMITLIN AND DEBOSSING
ON THE COVER, LAY-FLAT OPENING
PAGES: 160
FULL COLOURS
FORMAT: 14.8X21cm

Books are readers' best friends!



■ This meticulously crafted journal is designed to capture your literary journey, offering dedicated pages for tracking your reading progress, writing down quotes, rating notes, favourite and least favourite characters (who's your book crush?), managing your TBR list and losing yourself in the gorgeous illustrations by Martina Ponente.

NEW ADULT

NEW ADULT

**The first book in a romantasy dilogy,
between political schemes
and elves cities.**

HARDCOVER
WITH METALLIC FOIL
COLOURED EDGE
PAGES: 460
FORMAT: 15.8X23cm
AGE: NEW ADULT

**Two young enemies
sharing a great destiny that
will change their lives forever.**

■ Half elf and half Hilen, Eirwen Ellandar is tormented by a curse. Since her mother caused her people's "Destruction", Eirwen isn't allowed physical contact with other people: she can't caress, embrace or kiss anyone. Eirwen is determined to break the spell, but to do so she must face powerful, ancestral deities, along with a painful past and an unbearable – but charming! – Hilen enemy named Korbla.

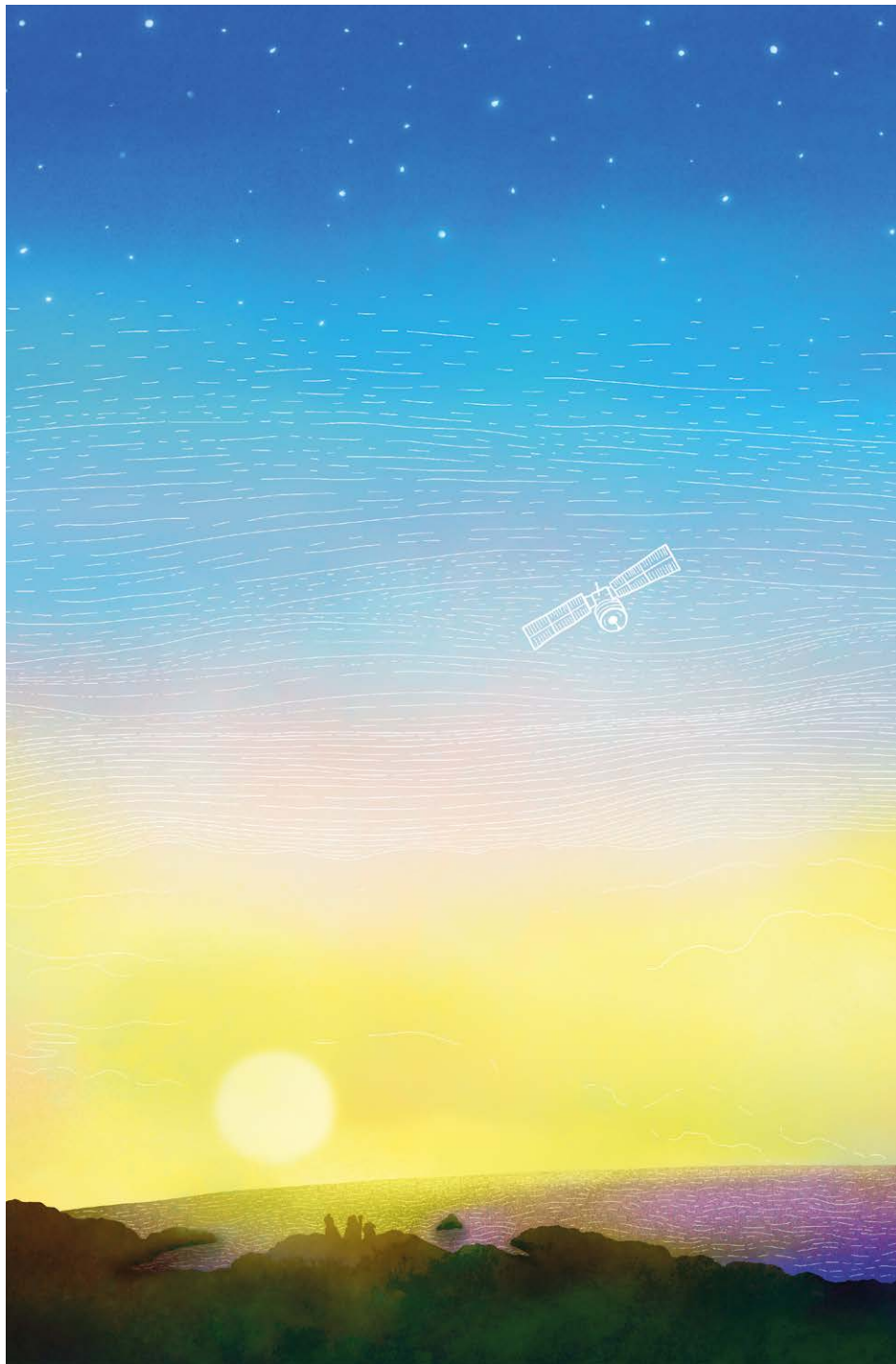
SILVER GIRL

By Sofia Mazzanti



■ NEW ADULT ■

■ NEW ADULT ■



■ BOARD BOOKS ■



**WHAT SOUNDS DOES IT MAKE?
THE WOOD**
By C. Bellemo
ill. by G. Bordicchia

0-3 | 16pp | 17X17cm



**WHAT SOUNDS DOES IT MAKE?
OUR BODIES**
By C. Bellemo
ill. by G. Bordicchia

0-3 | 16pp | 17X17cm



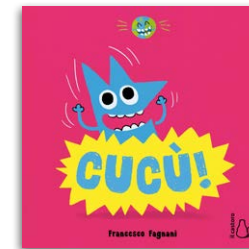
MY TREASURE BASKETS
Project by C. Arienti
Photos by A. Nastasi

0-3 | 22pp | 15X15cm



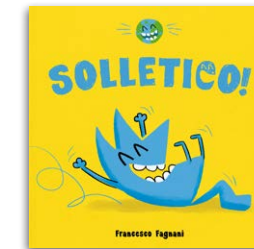
**MY TREASURE BASKET
OF THE SEASONS**
Project by C. Arienti
Photos by A. Nastasi

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PEEKABOO
By F. Fagnani

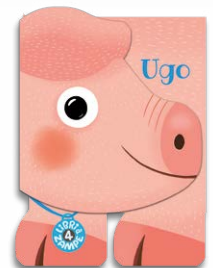
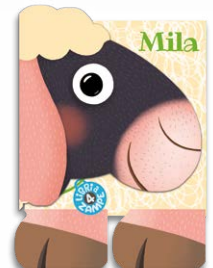
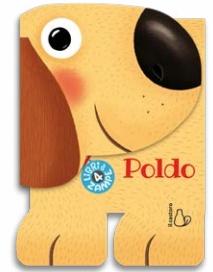
0-3 | 22pp | 15X15cm



TICKLE TICKLE
By F. Fagnani

0-3 | 22pp | 15X15cm

■ BACKLIST ■



MY FOUR-LEGGED BOOKS
By R. Bolaffio
0-3 | 4pp
11X16.5cm (CLOSED)
76.5X16.5cm (OPEN)

RIGHTS SOLD IN
Korea



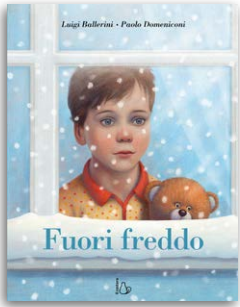
HIDEAWAY
by M. Longo
ill. by A. Sanna

4+ | 48pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
Usa, Korea,
Simplified Chinese



THE NEW ONE
by S. Vecchini
and Sualzo

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
Spanish (World), Catalan,
Slovenia, Turkey, Korea
Simplified Chinese



COLD OUTSIDE
by L. Ballerini
ill. by P. Domeniconi

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
Slovenia



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

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm



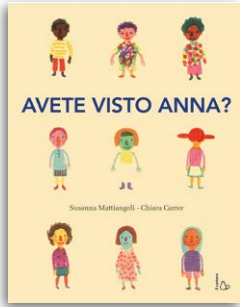
**STORY OF AN INKDROP
AND A SNOWFLAKE**
by P. Baccalario, A. Gatti
ill. by S. Mulazzani

4+ | 52pp | 25X33cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
USA, Germany,
Luxembourg,
Simplified and
Complex Chinese



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

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



HAVE YOU SEEN ANNA?
by S. Mattiangeli
ill. by C. Carrer

4+ | 48pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
France, Turkey,
Simplified Chinese,
Korea, Arabic (World)



**HOW THE TEACHER
REALLY WORKS**
by S. Mattiangeli
ill. by C. Carrer

4+ | 48pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
France, Portugal,
Denmark, Turkey,
Greece, Spanish
(Latin America)



**SOMEONE LIKE
ANTHONY**
by S. Mattiangeli
ill. by M. Di Giorgio

4+ | 48pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
France, Spanish (World),
Ukraine, Turkey,
Simplified Chinese,
Arabic (World), Japan,
Croatia, Slovenia,
Serbia, Korea



**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. Panziera
ill. by A. Ferrari

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



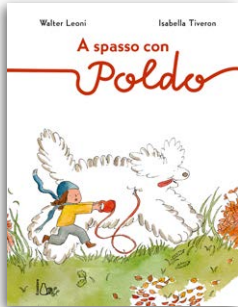
YAWNS
by M. Viale

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
France, South Africa,
Turkey, Simplified
Chinese



PANGO AND DILLO
by F. Ortona
ill. by L. Sangiò

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
Korea, China



WALKING POLDO
by W. Leoni
ill. by I. Tiveron

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS REPRESENTED
BY IL CASTORO AND
BOOK ON A TREE



FIVE MINUTES
by S. Piazza
ill. by M. Hasegawa

4+ | 32PP | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
Simplified Chinese



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

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



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

4+ | 48pp | 25X33cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
Korea,
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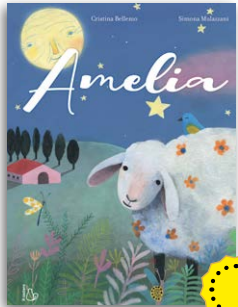
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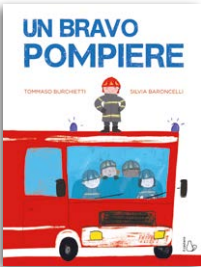


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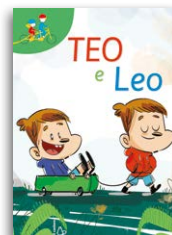
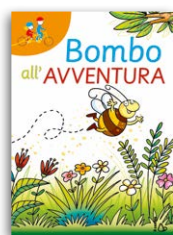
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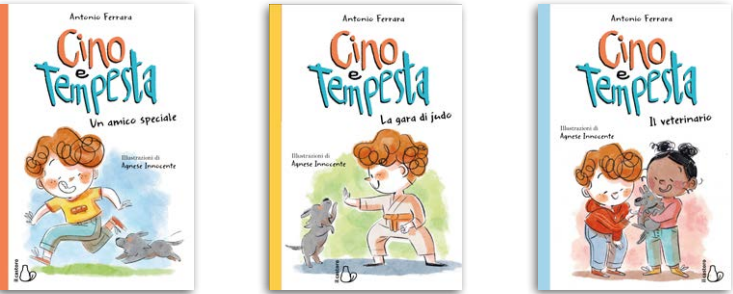


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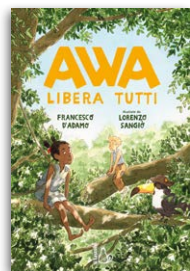
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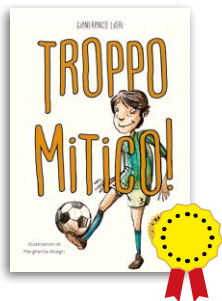
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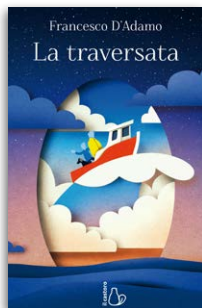
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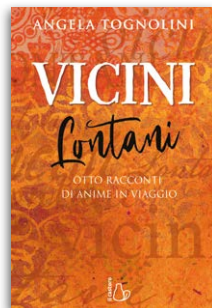
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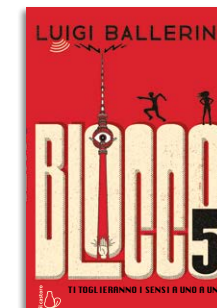
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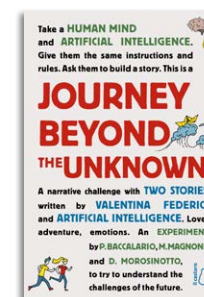


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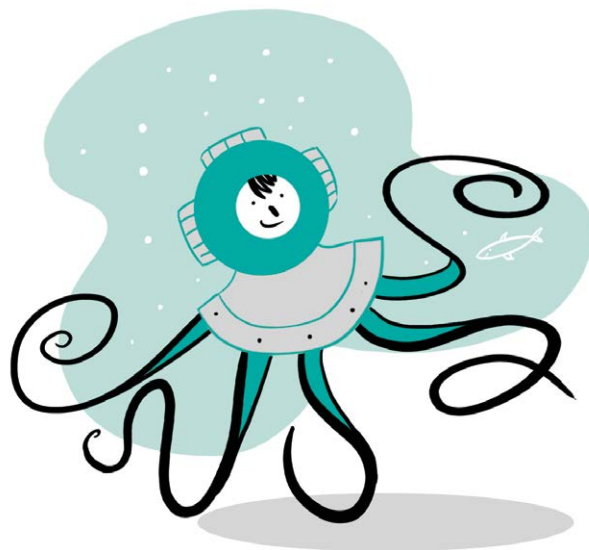
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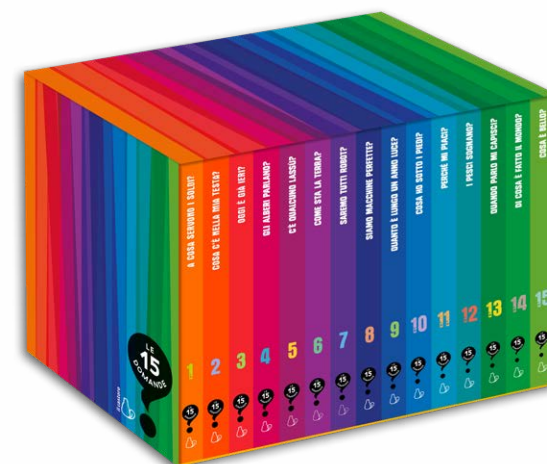


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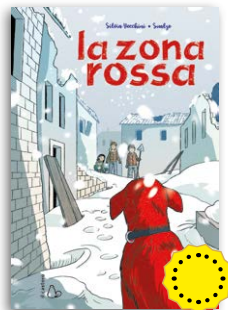
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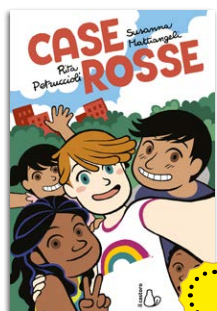
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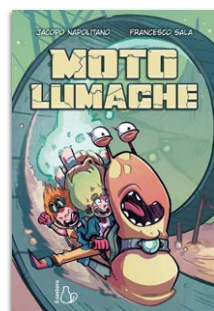
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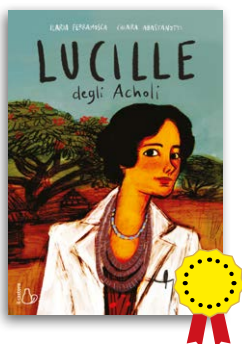
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