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Elena Ferrante The Lying Life of Adults

Giovanna's pretty face has changed: it's turning into the face of an ugly, spiteful adolescent. But is she seeing things as they really are? Where must she look to find her true reflection and a life she can claim as her own? Giovanna's search takes her to two kindred cities that fear and detest one another: the Naples of the heights, which assumes a mask of refinement, and the Naples of the depths, a place of excess and vulgarity. Adrift, she vacillates between these two cities, falling into one then climbing back to the other. But neither city seems to offer her any answers.

This powerful new novel set in a divided Naples by best-selling author Elena Ferrante is a singular portrait of the transition from childhood to adolescence to adulthood.



Edizioni E/O 2019 Europa Editions 2020, translated from the Italian by Ann Goldstein 336 pp. TO BE A

"Ferrante has not created a mere story but an entire world." *—Il Libraio*

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Two years before leaving home my father said to my mother that I was very ugly. The sentence was uttered under his breath, in the apartment that my parents, newly married, had bought in Rione Alto, at the top of Via San Giacomo dei Capri. Everything—the spaces of Naples, the blue light of a very cold February, those words remained fixed. But I slipped away, and am still slipping away, within these lines that are intended to give me a story, while in fact I am nothing, nothing of my own, nothing that has really begun or really been brought to completion: only a tangled knot, and nobody, not even the one who at this moment is writing, knows if it contains the right thread for a story or is merely a snarled confusion of suffering, without redemption."



Edizioni E/O 2019 Europa Editions 2019, translated from the Italian by Ann Goldstein Illustrations by Andrea Ucini 112 pp.

"It was a new form of writing: every time I hurriedly dipped the bucket into some dark depth of my mind, I hauled up a sentence and waited apprehensively for others to follow." *Elena Ferrante*

Elena Ferrante Incidental Inventions

Elena Ferrante's weekly *Guardian* essays, collected together for the first time in a beautiful edition accompanied by an entirely new introduction written by Elena Ferrante with Andrea Ucini's witty illustrations—a must for all Ferrante fans.

After weeks of brilliant, fascinating reflections on life, love, lust, jealousy, and creativity, giving us glimpses of Ferrante's inner world, we all wished her Guardian column would never end.

The column was published weekly for one year and was structured with a precise creative methodology: *The Guardian* would send Ferrante a prompt in the form of a question on any subject, and from that she would let her inspiration flow into the page, almost as a long, inspiring conversation.

An elegant, subtle literary game, with which Ferrante challenged her pen and her mind into a kind of writing she had never experienced before: not digging deep into a story, but scratching the surface of her own relationship with writing and her readers.

Ferrante international publishers

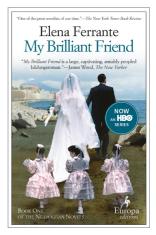
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My Brilliant Friend The Neapolitan Quartet

"The first work worthy of the Nobel prize to have come out of Italy for many decades."—*The Guardian*

A modern masterpiece from one of Italy's most acclaimed authors.

My Brilliant Friend is a rich, intense, and generous-hearted story about two friends, Elena and Lila. Ferrante's inimitable style lends itself perfectly to a meticulous portrait of these two women that is also the story of a nation and a touching meditation on the nature of friendship. The story begins in the 1950s, in a poor but vibrant neighborhood on the outskirts of Naples. Growing up on these tough streets the two girls learn to rely on each other ahead of anyone or anything else. As they grow, as their paths repeatedly diverge and converge, Elena and Lila remain best friends whose respective destinies are reflected and refracted in the other. They are likewise the embodiments of a nation undergoing momentous change. Through the lives of these two women, Ferrante tells the story of a neighborhood, a city, and a country as it is transformed in ways that, in turn, also transform the relationship between her protagonists, the unforgettable Elena and Lila.



Edizioni E/O 2011-2014 Europa Editions 2012-2015, translated from the Italian by Ann Goldstein 336 pp.

> Now an HBO series 10 million copies sold in 43 languages

"One of contemporary fiction's most compelling voices." *—The Telegraph*

Elena Ferrante is the author of *The Days of Abandonment* (Europa, 2005), *Troubling Love* (Europa, 2006), *The Lost Daughter* (Europa, 2008) and the four volumes of the Neapolitan Quartet (*My Brilliant Friend*, *The Story of a New Name*, *Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay*, *and The Story of the Lost Child*), published by Europa Editions between 2012 and 2015. She is also the author of a children's picture book illustrated by Mara Cerri, *The Beach at Night*, and a work of nonfiction, *Frantumaglia: A Writer's Journey*.



Edizioni E/O 2003 Europa Editions 2016, translated from the Italian by Ann Goldstein 400 pp.

"Stunning . . . The raging, torrential voice of the author is something rare." —The New York Times

"Everyone should read anything with her name on it." —*The Boston Globe*

Frantumaglia A WRITER'S JOURNEY

20 years of letters, essays, reflections, and interviews. A unique depiction of an author who embodies a consummate passion for writing.

This book invites readers into Elena Ferrante's workshop. It offers a glimpse into the drawers of her writing desk, those drawers from which emerged her three early standalone novels and the four installments of *My Brilliant Friend*, known in English as the Neapolitan Quartet.

In these pages Ferrante answers many of her readers' questions. She addresses her choice to stand aside and let her books live autonomous lives. She discusses her thoughts and concerns as her novels are being adapted into films. She talks about the challenge of finding concise answers to interview questions. She explains the iovs and the struggles of writing, the anguish of composing a story only to discover that the story isn't good enough. She contemplates her relationship with psychoanalysis, with the cities she has lived in, with motherhood. with feminism, and with her childhood as a storehouse for memories, impressions, and fantasies. The result is a vibrant and intimate self-portrait of a writer at work.

"She can talk about politics, history, philosophy, sexuality, loneliness, and I willingly go with her, without ever questioning it. I don't know any [other] writer who can do that for me." *—San Francisco Chronicle*

Troubling Love

A story about mothers and daughters, and the complicated knot of lies and emotions that binds them.

Following her mother's untimely and mysterious death, Delia embarks on a voyage of discovery through the streets of her native Naples searching for the truth about her family. Reality is buried somewhere in the fertile soil of memory, and Delia is determined to find it. This stylish fiction from the author of *My Brilliant Friend* is set in a beguiling but often hostile Naples, whose chaotic, suffocating streets become one of the book's central motifs.





Edizioni E/O 1992 Europa Editions 2006, translated from the Italian by Ann Goldstein 144 pp.

The Days of Abandonment

The shocking story of a woman's descent into desperate loneliness.

Rarely have the foundations upon which our ideas of motherhood and womanhood rest been so candidly questioned. This compelling novel tells the story of one woman's headlong descent into what she calls an "absence of sense" after being abandoned by her husband. Olga's "days of abandonment" become a desperate, dangerous freefall into the darkest places of the soul as she roams the empty streets of a city that she has never learned to love. Trapped inside the four walls of her apartment, Olga is forced to confront her ghosts, the potential loss of her own identity, and the possibility that life may never return to normal again.

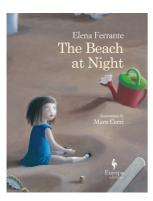
Elena ^{\$} Ferrante The Days of Abandonment



Edizioni E/O 2002 Europa Editions 2005, translated from the Italian by Ann Goldstein 192 pp.



Edizioni E/O 2006 Europa Editions 2008, translated from the Italian by Ann Goldstein 160 pp.



Edizioni E/O 2007 Europa Editions 2016, translated from the Italian by Ann Goldstein Full-color illustrations by Mara Cerri 48 pp.

The Lost Daughter

A riveting story of loss, motherhood, home, and womanhood.

Leda is a middle-aged divorcée devoted to her work as an English teacher and to her two children. When her daughters move to Canada with their father, she feels liberated, as if her life has become lighter, easier. She decides to take a holiday by the sea, in a small town in southern Italy. But after a few days of calm and quiet, things begin to take a menacing turn. Leda encounters a family whose brash presence proves unsettling, at times even threatening. When a small, seemingly meaningless, event occurs, Leda is overwhelmed by memories of the difficult and unconventional choices she made as a mother and their consequences for herself and her family, leading her to a ferocious confrontation with an unsettled past.

The Beach at Night

A short, moving, and mysterious tale for future and present readers of Ferrante's beloved novels.

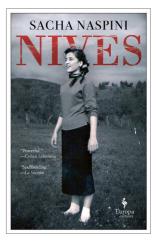
Left alone on the beach to fend for herself, a doll named Celina is having a terrible night. The Mean Beach Attendant of Sunset is trying to steal all her words, the Fire wants to burn her, and the Sea refuses to answer her prayers. Worst of all, she has been abandoned by her mamma, the little girl Mati, who now has a new kitten to play with. Between one misadventure and another, night turns to day, and when the sun rises Celina will see everything a little more clearly.

Sacha Naspini **Nives**

A hauntingly beautiful story of undying love, loss, and resilience, and a fierce, unforgettable new heroine

Meet Nives: widow, Tuscan through-andthrough, survivor. Nives has recently lost her husband of fifty years. She didn't cry when she found him dead in the pig pen, she didn't cry at the funeral, but now loneliness has set in. When she decides to bring her favorite chicken inside for company, she is shocked, confused, and a little bit guilty to discover that the chicken's company is a more than adequate replacement for her dead husband. But one day, Giacomina goes stiff in front of the ty. Unable to rouse the paralyzed chicken. Nives has no choice but to call the town veterinarian, Loriano Bottai, an old acquaintance of hers. What follows is a phone call that seems to last a lifetime, a phone call that becomes a novel. Their conversation veers from the chicken to the past—to the life they once shared, the secrets they never had the courage to reveal, wounds that never healed. Nives reverberates with the kinds of stories we tell ourselves at night when we cannot sleep: stories of love lost, of abandonment, of silent and heart-breaking nostalgia, of joy, laughter, and despair. With delicate yet sharp prose and raw, astonishing honesty, Sacha Naspini bravely explores the core of our shared humanity.

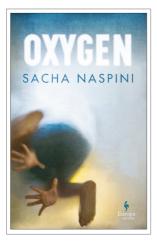
Sasha Naspini was born in Tuscany in 1976. He's an editor, screenwriter and art director, and author of an extensive backlist: *L'ingrato* (2006), *I sassi* (2007), *I Cariolanti* (2009), *Le nostre assenze* (2012), *Il gran diavolo* (2014).



Edizioni E/O 2020 Europa Editions 2021, translated from the Italian by Clarissa Botsford 224 pp. English sample available Croatia Profil Option publishers: China Beijing Creative Art Times France Actes Sud Greece Patakis Korea Minumsa Spain Acantilado

> "Touching, heartfelt". —Booklist

"A slim, sharply pointed knife of a novel." *—Kirkus Reviews*



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"Oxygen, a truly powerful novel, confirms Sacha Naspini as one of the most interesting and innovative voices in Italian contemporary literature" —Il Libraio

Sacha Naspini Oxygen

Paul Auster meets Stephen King in this poetic yet disturbing investigation into the darkest corners of human nature.

Laura disappears on the 12th of August 1999, at eight years old. She is found 14 years later in a bunker. Luca is having dinner with his father, when the police knock at the door.

What happens if one day you find out the person who raised you is a monster?

Oxygen is the story of those who stay after everything and everyone else have gone: there are no cages anymore, but the characters are still stuck in their own minds. Luca is captive in his father's DNA, from which there's no escape. His identity is lost: is Luca a monster too, for sharing his father's blood?

After the choral, ambitious *Le Case del malcontento*, Sasha Naspini comes back with a tightly plotted narrative that keeps you at the edge of your seat from page one to the very end, while drawing with sharp sensibility broken characters who fight against all odds to put their pieces back together, ending up in unexpected new cages.

"Naspini handles a brilliant idea with the enthusiasm of a pure narrator, and the idea fascinates, annihilates, and confuses." —*Tuttolibri*

Sacha Naspini Le Case del malcontento

A choral masterpiece, an analysis on the complexity of human nature—*Le Case* is the Italian *Spoon River*.

With vernacular yet literary language, Sasha Naspini creates a powerful novel, an epic rural tale with a universal echo, mixing noir, psychological thriller, historical memoir and dark fairy-tale.

"One of the best novels of the year. More than twenty characters recount their own stories, which can easily become the stories of all of us. Plots twist and mix, with loves crushing at their climax and monsters made out of loneliness, a macabre circus with some funny moments. Sasha Naspini successfully wrote a new world." —*Il Fatto Quotidiano*

I Cariolanti

Claustrophobic and cannibalistic, it destroys every trope with relentless pace and in a language that is plainly visceral.

Reminiscent of *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy, *I Cariolanti* is a disruptive coming-of-age novel, with a gothic, nocturnal Italy in the background.

Aldo has escaped World War I. Instead of leaving his family to fight against the Germans, he digs a refuge under the woods and keeps himself and his wife hidden from the world, together with their child. Now a whole different kind of war begins.



Edizioni E/O 2018 464 pp. English sample available

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Edizioni E/O 2020 176 pp.



Edizioni E/O 2021 208 pp.

Massimo Cuomo **Casa è dove fa male**

A sophisticated literary game based on one, simple question: what if these walls could really talk?

In the isolated suburbs of Mestre, a lonely building speaks for itself. Its inhabitants, ordinary people at a first glance, are something else behind closed doors. Looking at the truth can be disgusting, scary, even grotesque. The characters in this power speak and act

The characters in this novel move, speak and act following their instincts, unaware that something is watching them. On the ground floor, Mr and Mrs Busetto are envious, stuck behind the peephole, looking at the Chinellatos across the hall – they are always hungry, while angry is Severino Schiurru, on the first floor, and the Ruzzene family think very highly of themselves. On the second floor, a couple is saving every penny, and just across the hall Tommaso Sbrogio and his young partner can't take their hands off each other. Third floor, Mrs Menegozzo and her daughter – they're so tired, all the time. The more you read, the more their behaviour seems oddly familiar . . . In each flat we slowly recognize the outlines of a capital sin. The characters are being watched, but they also spy on each other: every confession sounds like a rumour. Up the stairs the plot thickens: what hides in the eighth flat?

Written in a dense, poetic prose, this literary gem represents the highest achievement of Massimo Cuomo's work. A novel that feels like looking at yourself in the mirror in a dark room: what sparks out of nothing?

Massimo Cuomo was born in Venice in 1974 and lives in Portogruaro, in a house that is closer to the countryside than to the city. He is the author of three novels and teaches creative writing to inmates of the Rieti prison in Italy. *Beautiful* is his first book to appear in English (Europa Editions 2020). E/O also published *Malcom* (2011) and *Piccola osteria senza parole* (2014).

Tiziana de Rogatis Elena Ferrante's Key Words

Elena Ferrante's Key Words is a lighted path through the multiform aspects of Ferrante's writing, a meditation on her global success, and the most complete and careful study of Ferrante's work to-date.

Ferrante's four-volume novel cycle known in English as the Neapolitan quartet has become a global success, with over ten million readers in close to fifty countries. Her readers recount feeling "addicted" to the novels; they describe a pleasure in reading that is as rare as it is irresistible, a compulsion that leads them either to devour the books or to ration them so as to prolong the pleasure.

Tiziana de Rogatis is widely considered to be the foremost Ferrante scholar in Italy. Her rigorous yet accessible, impassionated yet level-headed analysis of the Neapolitan author's work has framed much of the recent conversation around the Neapolitan quartet. In this engrossing book, de Rogatis speaks to that same transnational, diverse, transversal audience.

"A journey in the Ferrantian literary universe." —La Repubblica



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"I greatly admire the work of Tiziana de Rogatis. She is a reader of deep refinement. Often I think that she knows my books better than I." —Elena Ferrante, quoted in San Lian Shenghou Zboukan

Tiziana de Rogatis is a professor of Contemporary Italian Literature at the University of Siena, where she currently teaches Comparative Literature. Most recently, she focused her analysis on Women's Studies. She wrote various essays on Elena Ferrante, and she was invited to hold classes in Italy, England, Holland, Sweden and China.



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"She would run away from the war, yet take it with her, a life in the trenches, for no reason."

Laura Mancini **Niente per lei**

An extraordinary debut, the story of a woman who fights through life like a gladiator in post-WWII Rome.

It's 1943—families are crowded and hungry. Tullia and her brothers are raised as slaves by their violent, furiously unhappy mother. Every evening she counts the money they were able to raise from the streets, and if it's not enough, she beats them. Tullia is forced to grow up pretty fast, to work with her head down. But the way she sees the world is brave, curious, full of life.

Her desperate will to survive, to make something different out of the misery of her life, is so powerful it's impossible not to remain in awe of her strength, her dignity, and her relentless resilience. She leaves behind her abusive mother, but her majestic figure, her beauty, her clear intelligence, torment her as she becomes a woman and a mother, without ever learning how to be a daughter.

She is lonely, but she's not alone: fascinating, dirty, loud, hopeful, eternal Rome is a mother and a friend to Tullia who grows in its warm yet unforgiving embrace.

Laura Mancini's writing is transparent and imaginative, atmospheric. Reading *Niente per lei* is like watching history go by outside a window: it's impossible not to see in it a blurred reflection of ourselves.

Laura Mancini (Rome, 1985) works as a conceptual research consultant for a luxury fashion brand. *Niente per lei* is her first novel.

Patrizia De Luca **Tettagna**

A dark fairy tale in which magic, curses and secret rituals get lost in the routine and economy of daily life, with its delicate relationships.

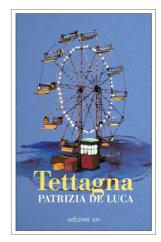
In the outskirts of Naples, under mount Tettagna, there is a small town called Tettiano, where only women are born, and they are born with a curse.

Their bodies keep secrets of power and murder: their breasts have the ability to make a man hopelessly devoted to them—to the point that their life depends on being loved back: when a Tettiano woman falls out of love with her man, the man is doomed to die.

Assunta is young and beautiful, she is fierce and stubborn, and she has decided Nicola will be the one—she doesn't care what her family and friends say, she will never stop loving him: he is perfect, and they will live happily ever after. What they say about the women of Tettiano won't happen to her—she has found her true match.

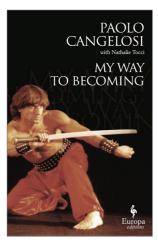
Life is going according to plan - until she finds out Nicola isn't exactly who she thought, and her love for him is put to test . . .

Painted with a spirited voice and hints of Neapolitan dialect, the characters walk the fine line between the irony of life and the ancestral, uncommon power of femininity.



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Patrizia De Luca was born in Naples and works at the Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research as an architect and environmental expert. *Tettagna* is her first novel.



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Paolo Cangelosi is very well renowned in the world of martial arts. The founder of one of the most prestigious martial arts academies in the world, he has tens of thousands of fans and is one of the most respected and influential teachers in the world today.

Nathalie Tocci is a student of Kung Fu. She is also the director of the Institute of International Affairs, honorary professor of the University of Tubinga, Special Advisor to the High Representative of the EU, and an independent advisor to energy company Eni. Paolo Cangelosi With Nathalie Tocci

My Way to Becoming

The page-turning autobiography of Sifu Paolo Cangelosi, internationally rewarded Great Master of Kung Fu: the magical story of the life-changing encounter between a young boy in Genoa and a mysterious Chinese immigrant.

This is the extraordinary account of a "magical" but also very real encounter between a young boy and a martial arts teacher. Their meeting becomes the starting point of a life studded with dramatic fights, spiritual enlightenment, friendship and betrayal, victories and defeats.

At the end of the sixties in old Genoa an Italian child meets an old Chinese man working as a carpenter. Behind his craft, the man hides a life of conflict, escapes and mystery. Sensing little Paolo's determination and talent, he subjects him to arduous training to temper his character and teach him the path to inner balance. Still a young man, Paolo travels to China, a country then still very much closed off to Westerners. There he will overcome demanding trials, face battles in which he will risk his life, and overcome tough physical and spiritual tests. Young Paolo will also gain amazing experiences, forge invaluable friendships, and eventually become one of the best-known martial arts teachers today.

Bruno Ventavoli Seimila gradi di separazione

A generous, flamboyant, exhilarating, melancholic novel – a portrait of Italy and Italians in these roaring Twenties.

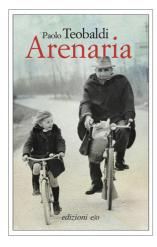
People outside of Italy like to think of the belpaese as the most beautiful country in the world – to go on holiday, that is. The depiction of Italy in novels is often focused on family sagas, corrupted politicians and organized crime. But what about living in Italy, day to day? *Seimila gradi di separazione* is a journey through Italy's contemporary vices, following twenty characters whose stories intertwine in unexpected ways.

Set in the foggy *pianura padana*, *Seimila gradi di separazione* is a crime novel, a gritty satire, a reportage, a savage observation of Italian society. Most of all, it is an enthralling, immersive read, an unapologetic window into what it really means to live in Italy nowadays, between a rave and a mysterious suicide, naziskins and anarchists destroying things around them, immigrants trying to make it, frivolous parties, sadomasochism, fierce black humour, nostalgia, frustration, creativity – simply, life as we know it.



Edizioni E/O 2021 352 pp.

Bruno Ventavoli is an established journalist and Editor in Chief of *Tuttolibri*, one of the most popular literary supplements in Italy.



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"Teobaldi doesn't write words: he adopts them, nurtures them and takes care of them, so that when he needs one, they will answer obediently to his call." *—La Repubblica*

Paolo Teobaldi Arenaria

Stories that will make you laugh to keep you from crying, to be passed from generation to generation, from a grandfather to a granddaughter, in the hope that his drowning words won't be lost.

Written in a language that is tender and surprising, without losing its immediacy as it conveys the beauty of people and places and of the telling of history from the back row, through the eyes of the defeated. Teobaldi's subtle humour, if often dark, is always gentle.

A sandstone hill: the first height you meet when you drive down Po valley, 60 km before Mount Conero, on the Adriatic coast. One side, facing north-east, is exposed to the difficult mistral, bora, greek and easterly winds; the other, facing south-west, blessed by the sun and history. It is a small world, just a few square kilometres the Adriatic sea on one side, the depth of the Appennines on the other—cultivated through sharecropping, full of characters, heavy with love, anger and injustice.

"We are left agape by the ability with which [...] he passes on the pleasure of looking around ourselves, collecting details, shaping chapter after chapter a real, funny, inconsolable Italy that, always close to lose sense and sensibility, makes up or recreates reliefs."—Domenico Starnone

Paolo Teobaldi was born in 1947 in Pesaro, where he lives. He worked as a translator, copywriter and Italian teacher. He published with E/O *Finte. Tredici modi per sopravvivere ai morti; La discarica; Il padre dei nomi* (Premio Frontino-Montefeltro 2002); *La badante. Un amore involontario*, longlisted for the Strega Prize in 2005; *Il mio manicomio* and *Macadàm*.

Carlo Piano Il cantiere di Berto

On August 2018, a bridge collapsed in Genoa, killing 43 people. It was a national tragedy that led to a long and painful analysis of the responsibilities behind the incident.

It felt like the Morandi bridge collapsing was a metaphor of Genoa, and Italy itself, shrinking into themselves, imploding under the weight of decades of poor administrative choices, corruption, indifference, distraction, procrastination. Laziness.

Building the new bridge needed to have the same amount of meaning. It needed to be a rebirth. A phoenix rising from its own ashes. Everyone felt it: the famous international architect who was called to take care of the project, the construction workers, the people observing the working site day after day – and Berto, the foreman, who rooted to the bridge his regrets, his life choices, his hopes, his fears.

Based on the true story of the construction site of the new Genoa Saint George Bridge, Carlo Piano delivers a story of loss, the meaning of community, and the identity of a city.



Edizioni E/O 2021 176 pp.

Carlo Piano is a journalist and author. Europa Editions previously published his non-fiction title *Atlantis: A Journey in Search of Beauty*, written with his father, the renowned architect Renzo Piano.



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Stefania Nardini La combattente

After her husband dies, Angelita loses herself in a labyrinth of grief and memories. Embarking on a psychological journey through the life she shared with her husband, the woman becomes a mirror of their past: working-class Rome, the student revolts, the dark period of terror known in Italy as 'anni di piombo', the militancy in the Communist Party. How did they get to the comfortable, middle-class life they ended up living? An evocative, historical, touching psychological novel of a woman who fights against grief to re-establish a relationship with herself, and to rediscover her identity as a person who's alone, but not lonely. A survival, but not shipwrecked.

Stefania Nardini is an author and journalist. She lives in Marseille and Rome. E/O has published her previous novels: *Alcazar, ultimo spettacolo* (2013), *Jean-Claude Izzo. Storia di un marsigliese* (2015). She has sailed for three years from Cyprus to Tangeer on a sailing boat for the cultural expedition Progetto Mediterranea.

Ahmet Altan Like a Sword Wound

VOLUME 1 OF THE OTTOMAN QUARTET

A powerful, beautifully written saga set during the fall of one of history's greatest empires.

Altan's "Ottoman Quartet" spans the fifty years between the final decades of the 19th century and the post-WWI rise of Atatürk as both the unchallenged leader and visionary reformer of the new Turkey. The quartet tells the gripping stories of an unforgettable cast of characters: an Ottoman army officer, the Sultan's personal doctor, a scion of the royal house whose Western education brings him into conflict with his family's legacy, and a beguiling Turkish aristocrat who, while fond of her emancipated life in Paris, finds herself drawn to a conservative Muslim spiritual leader.

Intrigue, betrayal, love, war, progress, and tradition provide a colourful backdrop against which the lives of these characters play out. All the while, the society that spawned them is transforming and the Sublime Empire disintegrating. Here is a Turkish saga reminiscent of *War and Peace*, written in lively, contemporary prose that traces not only the social currents of the time but also the erotic and emotional lives of its characters.

Altan is a fearless, caustic writer, who is not afraid to hide in plain sight a critique against arrogant, anti-democratic leadership that exploits religion and bigotry, letting the reader hear in this historical novels an echo of Turkey's contemporary politics.

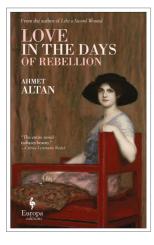


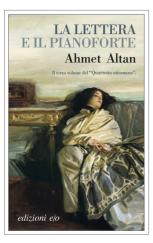
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> Norway Gyldendal Romania Pandora

"Like a Sword Wound is a brilliant critique of an authoritarian regime on the verge of collapse." —The Guardian

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La lettera e il pianoforte

VOLUME 3 OF THE OTTOMAN QUARTET

Edizioni E/O 2020 Europa Editions 2021 Translated from the Turkish by Brendan Freely 496 pp.

Romania Pandora

"Ahmet Altan is one of the foremost voices in Turkish literature and has much to say to the world."—Elif Shafak

Ahmet Altan, one of today's most important Turkish writers and journalists, was arrested in September 2016 and is serving a life sentence on false charges. A strong voice of dissent in his country, his arrest and conviction received widespread international criticism. Altan is the author of ten novels—all bestsellers in Turkey— and seven books of essays. In 2009 he received the Freedom and Future of the Media Prize from the Media Foundation of Sparkasse Leipzig, and in 2011 he was awarded the International Hrant Dink Award. The international bestseller *Endgame* was named one of the fifty notable works of fiction of 2017 by *The Washington Post*.

Silvia Ranfagni **Corpo a corpo**

An extremely lonely forty-something decides to have a baby, and she does it in the most solitary way possible—online.

One night, Bea goes to the online sperm bank and buys the sperm equivalent of a Ferrari: fast, excellent, well-constructed. She will get pregnant by mail, a practical method with no contraindications. Unfortunately, the result of that delicate online shopping experience is disappointing, and non-returnable. The Body.

The Body doesn't look like his mother's expectations—although his genes were carefully selected. The woman finds herself forced to learn how to love him, an exhausting experience as The Body does nothing to meet her half-way in her attempt to forget all about herself.

Luckily, another woman enters the scene, chosen after long consideration between many candidates from all over the world to be the perfect nanny for The Body. Elsa is Eritrean and couldn't be more different from Bea: their relationship is a constant clash of civilisation in the kitchen, with a surprising sense of sisterhood when it comes to taking care of "their" son, Arturo. A sisterhood that collapses when Bea realizes Arturo is more Elsa's son than her own . . .



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"Far away, in another person's arms, you notice his fragility, his miniscule dimensions, the upright tuft of hair on the top of his head. You see his little mouth stretch into a grimace, his fingers gripping and loosening in a dance. Only then do you say to yourself: 'Of course I love him, he's my son.""

Silvia Ranfagni teaches Screenwriting and Creative Writing at Rome University of Fine Arts, and has written screenplays for cinema and articles for *Il Venerdì di Repubblica* and *Micromega*. Being a woman and a mammal, she also produced life—an exhausting experience. In 2020 she was nominated for Best Original Screenplay at the David di Donatello Awards.



Edizioni E/O 2019 192 pp. English sample available

"Fiorino shows with intelligence and lightness the tricky path from adolescence to adulthood, from hiding to fiercely revealing yourself." *—Players Magazine*

Maurizio Fiorino **Ora che sono Nato**

The journey of a boy coming to terms with his sexuality in the most challenging circumstances.

Nato's mother: neurotic, egocentric, takes up all the oxygen in the room. His father: egomaniac, unbelievably superstitious. His sister: a pathological liar verging on delusion. His brother: the first bully in history with a stutter. And then there's him, Nato, the youngest brother in the Goldino family: he just wants to be a Spice Girl.

Against the background of a savage small town in the very South of Italy, he tells us the improbable stories that marked his own childhood and teens during the Nineties—the stories of a boy who has always felt different from his family and has tried and tried again to escape his surroundings.

Ruthless and moving, fearlessly walking the line between comedy and tragedy, *Ora che sono Nato* is the diary of a sentimental (dis)education, a journey that from the bottom of our soul takes us to the most surprising, and never easy, declaration of love: the one we feel for ourselves and our own freedom.

Maurizio Fiorino was born in Crotone in 1984. After an intense childhood in Calabria and studying in Bologna, he moved to New York where he attended the International Center of Photography. Since then, he has been working as a photographer between the States and Italy. He worked with Annie Leibovitz and many international magazines, including *GQ Magazine*. In 2014 Gallucci published his debut, *Amodio*, which received praise from critics and public alike. Two years later *Fondo Gesù*, a short novel, was published again by Gallucci. In 2020 he was invited by the Italian Institute of Culture in Paris to join as a writer in residence during the festival Italissimo.

Fabio Bartolomei **Morti ma senza** esagerare

Vera has just buried her parents, who died in a car accident, when she wakes up the next morning to find them there, as if nothing had happened. Her mother brings her breakfast on a tray, her father smiles at her. They're normal . . . But they're dead.

The first novella of Bartolomei's Family Quartet is an exhilarating, melancholic comedy exploring family ties, grief, and the meaning of letting go.



Edizioni E/O 2020 112 pp-

Diciotto anni e dieci giorni

Camilla is a spoiled, entitled teenager with an intense social media following, but on her eighteenth birthday a traumatic turn of events forces her to face the real world, test everything she thought she knew, and accept her own limits.

In this second novella Bartolomei celebrates with great irony the bittersweet journey into adulthood.



Edizioni E/O 2020 112 pp.

Fabio Bartolomei was born and lives in Rome. He's a writer and screenwriter. His first novel and English language debut was *Alfa Romeo 1300 and Other Miracles* (Europa, 2012) and with *We Are Family* he won the *Elle* Magazine Readers' Grand Prize. He teaches creative writing.



Edizioni E/O 2019 208 pp. Film rights optioned

"Essential and delicate ... a book that needs to be read and reread, to be gifted and carried in your bag at all times, because the way the author takes care of his characters is rare and beautiful, and the *pietas* emerging from the novel becomes a fundamental value to be welcomed, cherished, and applied to our modern times." —*Critica Letteraria*

L'ultima volta che siamo stati bambini

You need to be a fool to rebel against the laws of war. Or a kid.

A powerful, emotional novel, with contagiously sparkling characters that will live in the heart of readers long after the last page.

Cosimo, Italo and Vanda are barely ten years old, with their dreams, wanderlust and carefree innocence strained by World War II. While the entire country is struggling to survive, the children, after the disappearance of a friend, have no doubts about what is needed to be done: a rescue mission.

Their escape leads to a second, desperate mission, one that includes a nun and a convalescent soldier who immediately run after them. The hope of catching up with the runaway children in a few hours ends up being an unforgivable mistake.

Equipped with childhood's quintessential carelessness, a friendship that gets stronger every day, and a mysterious map, Cosimo, Italo and Vanda take their mission forward with determination, between reckless adventures and a longing for freedom for which they will pay the highest price.

Massimo Carlotto Blues for Outlaw Hearts and Old Whores

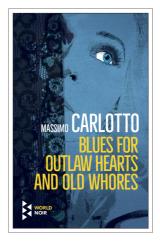
THE ALLIGATOR SERIES

Once again Good and Bad, masked and hard to recognise, clash in the international arena of great top secret police operations, drug smuggling, prostitution and identity.

With a tight plot, precise as a Swiss watch, well-rounded characters on roads with no return, sharp irony and sincere humanity, Carlotto delivers a magnetic noir on the neverending conflict between criminality and police force, where more often than not the victims are civilians.

Blues for Outlaw Hearts and Old Whores is the crossover of two of the most popular series by Carlotto: Marco Buratti, aka the Alligator, meets Giorgio Pellegrini, infamous anti-hero of The Goodbye Kiss and At The End of a Dull Day.

Pellegrini, tired of his life on the run, starts cooperating with the police as an undercover agent—but something goes very wrong and a group of sicarios are sent to kill his wife and his lover. The investigation is given to the Alligator and his team, who find themselves stuck in a game of corruption and espionage that has them fighting for their lives. And Marco has a lot to lose now, since he has fallen in love with a prostitute called Edith . . .



Edizioni E/O 2017 Europa Editions 2020, translated from the Italian by Will Schutt 208 pp.

Germany Folio Verlag

TV rights sold

"In hardboiled fiction, there is this hardcore Italian guy I suggest: Massimo Carlotto. Tough as fuck." –Guillermo del Toro

"Carlotto is the reigning king of Mediterranean noir." —*The Boston Phoenix*

More in the Alligator series. Now a Rai 2 TV series.



"Carlotto's taut, broody Mediterranean noir is filled with blind corners and savage set pieces. Pellegrini's deeds are unquestionably loathsome, but his witty Machiavellian perspective, amplified by a class rage well attuned to the current Italian zeitgeist, makes you root for him all the same."

—The New Yorker

"Carlotto has written his hardest novel, the most Simenonian in the exploration of women's feelings and pain. The ending cannot be revealed, but it's safe to say that the final twist is a punch in the gut. The last scene is unforgettable." —Corriere della Sera

Massimo Carlotto was born in Padua, Italy. In addition to the many titles in his extremely popular "Alligator" series, he is also the author of *The Fugitive*, *Death's Dark Abyss*, *Poisonville*, *Bandit Love*, and *At the End of a Dull Day*. One of Italy's most popular authors and a major exponent of the Mediterranean Noir novel, Carlotto has been compared with many of the most important American hardboiled crime writers.

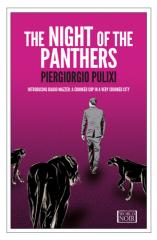
Piergiorgio Pulixi The Night of the Panthers

Piergiorgio Pulixi's US debut—an action filled police drama that will have readers' pulses racing.

Inspector Biagio Mazzeo is the head of a special unit trained in investigating against organized crime. He is a kind of father figure to these hard men and he often leads them well beyond the confines of what is legal. But now they've been found out.

In order to save his men from being smeared in a corruption scandal, Mazzeo sacrifices himself and ends up in jail. His sacrifice, however, isn't enough to get his men out of trouble: they have messed around with the wrong drug cartel, for these are no ordinary criminals, this is the 'Ndrangheta, the infamous Calabrian mafia that is known to stop at nothing to get what's theirs.

From behind bars Mazzeo has only one way of helping his men: making a deal with a young female police officer who promises he will be released and all charges will be dropped if Mazzeo embarks on a suicide mission to put an end to an underworld war. In a gripping crescendo of violence, vendettas and corruption, Biagio Mazzeo has to choose sides because this time it's not just his badge that is on the line, but his life.



Winner of Premio Glauco Felici 2015 Edizioni E/O 2014 Europa Editions 2015, translated from the Italian by Carol Perkins 288 pp.

> "A gripping tale of violence, vendettas and corruption." —*Readings*

"The Night of the Panthers is not only a great novel in terms of style and plot, but, in perfect noir fashion, it is useful for understanding organized crime in Italy . . . Pulixi's literary promise has become a magnificent reality." —Tempi Nuovi

"Pulixi has an amazing talent for plot development and an ability to throw readers off the scent by working in breathtaking twists." *—Thriller Magazine*

Piergiorgio Pulixi was born in Cagliari, Sardinia, in 1982. He is a member of Sabot, an experiment in collective crime fiction writing created by Massimo Carlotto, Italy's preeminent author of crime fiction. He published eight books with E/O, for which he was shortlisted for Premio Scerbanenco and Premio Camaiore, and won Premio Glauco Felici, Premio Prunola, Premio Franco Fedeli, Premio Corpi Freddi Awards, Premio Grotte della Gurfa, and Premio Serravalle Noir. His latest novel, *Lo stupore della notte* (Rizzoli 2018) entered the Italian top ten charts.

The Biagio Mazzeo series







Amara Lakhous Clash of Civilizations Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio

A bittersweet comedy, told with affection and sensitivity, about the social reality of prejudice and racism in Italy—an exact anthropological analysis that is more relevant than ever.

A small culturally mixed community living in an apartment building in the center of Rome is thrown into disarray when one of the neighbours is murdered. An investigation ensues and as each of the victim's neighbours is questioned, the reader is offered an all-access pass into the most colorful neighbourhood in contemporary Rome. Each character takes their turn center-stage, "giving evidence," recounting their story-the dramas of emigration, the daily equivocations of immigration, the fears and misunderstandings of a life spent on society's margins, abused by mainstream culture's fears and indifference, preconceptions and insensitivity. What emerges is a touching story that is common to us all, whether we live in Rome or in Los Angeles.

This novel is animated by a style that is as colorful as the neighbourhood it describes and achieves seemingly effortless equipoise that borrows from the cinematic tradition of the Commedia Italiana, as exemplified by directors such as Federico Fellini and Mario Monicelli.



Edizioni E/O 2006 Europa Editions 2008, translated from the Italian by Ann Goldstein 144 pp.

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—The New Yorker

"Intriguing psychological and social insight alongside a playful whodunit plot, exposing the power of fear, racial prejudice and cultural misconception to rob a neighborhood of its humanity."

-Publishers Weekly

"The rich variety of characters and psychological understanding place Mr. Lakhous in the tradition of Balzac and Dickens." —*The Washington Times*

"An Italian noir-comedy-satire, written by an Algerian, that effectively breaks rules and has a good time doing it." —*Shelf Awareness*

"The murder in Amara Lakhous' wonderfully offbeat novel [...] is just an excuse to let Algiers-born Lakhous portray a vibrant, multiethnic neighborhood through the voices of characters being interviewed about the death." —Seattle Times

Amara Lakhous was born in Algiers in 1970. He has a degree in philosophy from the University of Algiers and another in cultural anthropology from the University la Sapienza, Rome. He recently completed a Ph.D. thesis entitled "Living Islam as a Minority." His first novel, *Le cimici e il pirata (Bedbugs and the Pirate)*, was published in 1999. *Clash of Civilizations Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio*, winner of Italy's prestigious Flaiano prize, is his second novel. He currently resides in New York.

Caterina Emili La scimmia e il caporale

After *Il volo dell'eremita* and *L'innocenza di Tommasina*, Vittore Guerrieri finds himself in the middle of a murder mystery that hides much more than it seems.

Vittore Guerrieri is not a detective: he travels through Italy with his van to sell olive oil and wine. After years of living on the edge, he doesn't look for trouble anymore—but trouble always finds him. He thought he had finally found some peace in Ceglie Messapica, a town in a countryside full of olive trees—but he ends up in the heart of *caporalato*: a toxic, broken system of exploitation where men and women coming from Africa and Eastern Europe are enslaved and forced to work all day in the tomato fields of sunny and thirsty Puglia.

Behind the novel there is thorough research on real trials and investigations done in the region. Vittore Guerrieri is the perfect antihero for this story: compassionate, flawed, he falls in love with a gipsy who almost breaks his spirit—but his thirst for justice leads him to unravel one of the most vicious and bleak realities of Southern Italy: the investigation on the murder of Katerina forces him to choose between his emotions and his morals.



Edizioni E/O 2019 144 pp.

"Her flair for small-town life recalls the master George Simenon." —Libero

"In this riveting novel the author unravels the scourge of caporalato and its inhuman exploitation." —Huffington Post Italy

Caterina Emili is a journalist, a special envoy for various national newspapers and an author and presenter of radio programs on Rai networks. Born in Rome, she divides her time between Umbria and Puglia. Her debut novel *L'autista delle slot* was published by Besa and won the Premio della critica Città di Cattolica. E/O published *Il volo dell'eremita* (2017) and *L'innocenza di Tommasina* (2018).



Edizioni E/O 2018 128 pp.



Edizioni E/O 2017 160 pp.

From the same series

L'innocenza di Tommasina

"Blood and vengeance between Puglia and Umbria, a portrayal of the province somehow grotesque—but nevertheless true." —Io Donna

Shortlisted for Premio Letterario "Città di Rieti Centro d'Italia"

One day, Tommasina hangs herself. Why? In which deep, profound part of her soul was she hiding all the pain? Or did someone force her?

Vittore, with his van full of olive oil, finds himself stuck in a dark plot, bleak with violence and revenge, while more mysterious deaths come to complicate a life he had just managed to balance.

Il volo dell'eremita

"With a fluent and rich style, often coloured with southern dialect, the author drags us into the deepest corners of an almost ancestral Umbria, with its wild woods, dark instincts and repressed emotions."—*Sololibri*

Vittore Guerrieri lives between Puglia and Umbria, selling olive oil, cheese and wine on a van. He's addicted to gambling and his life is constantly out of control.

His only relative is a cousin who lives as a hermit in a cave, prisoner of his own obsession with God. He has a secret—a dark, shocking secret Vittore will dig out from under cryptic biblical quotes, in a crescendo that will paralyse the reader, who'll be put in front of a moral dilemma between justice and revenge.

Patrizia Rinaldi **La danza dei veleni**

A unique detective, fast-paced, perfectly plotted narrative, and sophisticated writing: the ingredients of a brilliant noir series which will soon be on TV.

Detective Blanca and her colleagues find themselves facing two apparently disconnected cases: on one side, illegal animal trafficking; on the other, the death of a woman bitten by a rare and lethal spider. It's a difficult puzzle to put together, especially as personal circumstances in the police station create walls between the detectives. A love triangle between Blanca and two of her colleagues makes communication impossible and the case becomes more and more blurred.

Blanca uses her blindness as a strength: her incredible intuition, and her sensitivity to sounds, perfumes, and the 'presence' of people, guide her through this chaotic investigation.

Set in a slow, atmospheric Naples, *La danza dei veleni* is a perfectly constructed noir: realistic, charismatic, extremely entertaining.



Edizioni E/O 2019 224 pp.

TV rights sold

"Patrizia Rinaldi's love of words, their sound, their way of fitting together, pervades this choral novel." *—La Repubblica*

"Patrizia Rinaldi infuses noir plots with social justice, *Commedia dell'arte*, and sentimental drama, giving the reader dense, emotional writing to describe the harm from touching evil."—*D* - *La Repubblica*

Praise for the Blanca series

"With a language that is authentic and poignant, the author managed to create a majestic novel capable of making the readers travel with their imagination into unkown lands, without ever losing sight of what's real." —*The Huffington Post*

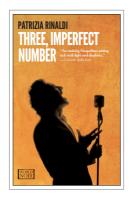
"Not just a noir, but a story in which the real protagonists are southern women and the strength of their affections. Moving and well constructed." —*Gioia*

Patrizia Rinaldi lives and works in Naples, where she was born in 1960. She is the author of numerous works of crime fiction published in Italy. *Three, Imperfect Number* is her first work to appear in English. She also writes children books and has won the Premio Andersen for Best Writer.

The Blanca series







Giorgia Lepore **Il compimento è la pioggia**

After I figli sono pezzi di cuore and Angelo che sei il mio custode Lepore comes back with another story of violated childhood—a childhood that Gerri has to rebuild, scavenging for it in his lost memories.

On the eve of Saint Nicholas, in Bari, a terrible murder is committed. In a small house in the historical centre of the city, a twenty years old is found dead. Her body is traumatised with bruises and cuts, and around her are hints that a baby was there: toys, baby bottle, clothes. But no baby is to be found.

Inspector Gerri Esposito walks into the murder scene, followed by his boss, Marinetti, and inspector Sara Coen, with whom Gerri has a complicated relationship. The investigation begins in the matter of a few days—cold days, when Puglia witnesses the rare sight of snow, and after that, rain.



Edizioni E/O 2018 256 pp.

"What if Giorgia Lepore were actually the real, great new voice of Italian noir?" —Maurizio de Giovanni

"Giorgia Lepore digs deep into your soul through her words. This story is a magnificent—and terrifying—heartbeat . . ." —Donato Carrisi

Giorgia Lepore is an archeologist and art historian, she lives in Martina Franca and teaches Art History. She wrote *L'abitudine al sangue* (Fazi 2009), *I figli sono pezzi di cuore* (E/O 2015) e *Angelo che sei il mio custode* (E/O, Sabot/age 2016).

In the same series



Edizioni E/O 2015 208 pp.



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Audrey Schulman **The Dolphin Maid**



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