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Who is Astro edizioni

Vision & Mission: Astro edizioni, a beacon of light for all humanity

From an interview with our publisher: *«I am Francesca Costantino, editorial director, and owner of Astro edizioni, which I believe is a beacon of light for humanity.*

I hope that my publishing house will become a point of reference for authors, fellow editors, professional communicators, journalists, and public figures to communicate constructively, towards a goal. I would like Astro edizioni to become a widespread and contagious system of making culture in a healthy way, changing our thoughts, for the evolution of humanity.

For this reason, I publish books that contain exemplary life stories, children's books and fantasy/science fiction for teens and adults alike, because I think that fantasy can be a metaphor of life, and also a fun experience. I also publish practical manuals, and all those stories that strike me not only stylistically, but also in content and messages.

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of working with people of great heart and professionalism, who today are an integral part of my staff and help me to realize projects in schools and abroad».

Our idea of publishing

We select manuscripts with a "voice", from which the personality of the author emerges. Of course, they should have a good technical quality in terms of narrative construction, but above all they should have something to say that readers can grasp and appreciate, keeping a message with them.

It is important for us that all the books we publish leave a "message", making readers think between the lines while identifying with the main characters and their way of acting in the story. When we publish books dedicated to an adult audience, therefore, we focus on positive and proactive texts, even if the genre can sometimes be raw (such as, for example, some thriller). Even more so, children's books



are selected for educational purposes and to entertain younger readers, encouraging their families to read together and build common memories related to reading.

Our love for emerging authors

Among our authors, often emerging ones, we choose people who stand out. The goal is common: making our books well-known; and, for this reason, we help the most talented people to emerge through national and international publishing fairs and events in bookshops, also selling rights abroad for translations, TV series and interactive transpositions of their stories. In some cases, moreover, our books full of emotions and ideas have been presented in elementary, middle and high schools, libraries and cultural circles. We have also won regional and municipal calls for projects related to the writing of a book together with children. There is still a lot of work to be done, and our activity of spreading culture has just begun. *Astro, you read!*

National distribution

Astro edizioni is distributed on the national book market by CDA (Consorzio Distributori Associati), which also includes distributors such as Distribook, Medialibri, Euroservizi.

We also rely on Mondadori Retail and Fastbook, in addition to the digital channels Amazon and IBS, to ensure the availability of our titles in all the most important bookshops in Italy (e.g., Feltrinelli and Mondadori), online and inside independent bookstores.

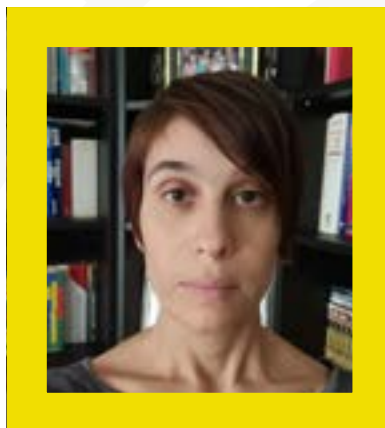
FANTASY ROMANCE & URBAN FANTASY



Top seller author

Francesca Noto

Francesca Noto has been a professional translator for over twenty years, both in the literary field (among the translated authors Stuart McBride, Clive Barker, Poppy Z. Brite, Neil Gaiman, James Grady, James Gunn, Victor Gischler) and in video games (specialized press and video games). She has taught Game Design at the IED Institute in Rome and Localization of Interactive Multimedia Works at Vigamus Academy - University of Studies Link, where she currently teaches Game Design in the Master's Degree. She is also a journalist, editor and author of fantasy novels and game books. *The Sign of the Storm*, her debut novel, won the "Special Best" category of the International Literary Prize Montefiore, in 2016. Apart for her main trilogy about Norse Mythology, she also wrote a collection of short stories in English, *Ashes to Ashes* (2020).



The Sign of the Storm

Keywords

Fantasy romance; Urban fantasy; Young adult; Nordic mythology

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Synopsis

What would you do if you could feel other people's emotions like they were yours? This is Lea Schneider's talent, which she is scared of and that turns her teenage years into a nightmare. But when she finally believed she had left behind that difficult period, her empathy returned to its maximum strength. Lea then reacts by travelling abroad, in search of the truth about her ability.

What she does not know is that both her trip and her gift are part of a greater design. Who is Sven, the guy with no past that is far more powerful than her?

New forces reveal the cards of an ancient game, of which the two young people are the focus. While a portal between worlds is in danger of being desecrated, Lea and Sven must find the courage to face their fears and make the right choice, because Ragnarök, the twilight of the world, is approaching.



Sons of Storm

Keywords

Fantasy romance; MM Romance; Urban fantasy; Young adult; Nordic mythology

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Synopsis

Being seventeen is complicated, if you are born in the shadow of a prophecy and your family expects you to reveal extraordinary abilities.

This is what Nathaniel Gordon thinks, when he looks in the mirror at his strange, mismatched eyes, which remind him every day of an uncomfortable legacy: he is a descendant of the Norsemen, born to put an end to a threat from another plane of existence, Nate's more and more convinced that someone has been wrong about him. But when Winter, a violent and mysterious albino boy, breaks into his life and turns it upside down, there is no more time for doubt. Amidst hasty escapes, deadly clashes and tearing decisions, Nathaniel will have to fight a war greater than himself and survive in a world that is not his own.

Who is the unstoppable giant with the heart of ice ready to do anything to flood our earthly dimension with blood, and what is the truth about Winter?

From the same author

The Last Storm

After millennia of battles between Norsemen and Jötнар, and the reckless opening of too many portals, the very fabric of the Nine Worlds is tearing apart, and Ragnarök, the end of all worlds, is about to come.

Nathaniel will face the siege of the Wild Hunt, in an apocalyptic scenario, while in the hands of Winter lies the only hope of salvation, in the form of a fragile albino girl with an immense power.

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The Time of the Gods

Keywords

Fantasy thriller; Nordic mythology; Loki; Thor; Asgard; Odin; religions; religious wars

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Synopsis

End of World War II. Humanity is preparing for a new beginning, made of peace and hope. Ásgarðr, the Eternal Kingdom: the pantheon of the Norse gods is reunited by the ruler, Óðinn, to punish the Æsir who acted behind the conflict on Miðgarðr, the Earth. Loki, Baldr, Týr, and Thòrr are therefore exiled among mortals. Rome. Under Saint Peter's Church, the reverend Giulio Viola leads a secret organization of psychics, who sense the arrival on Earth of the four exiled Æsir. The discovery brings into play, in addition to the Vatican, the religious leaders of the main monotheistic religions, each defending their millennial dogmas. In a succession of twists and turns, from Dubai to Rome, from Tehran to Las Vegas, everyone will have to deal with their conscience, in search of the absolute truth. Because, by now, *The Time of the Gods* has come.

EPIC FANTASY

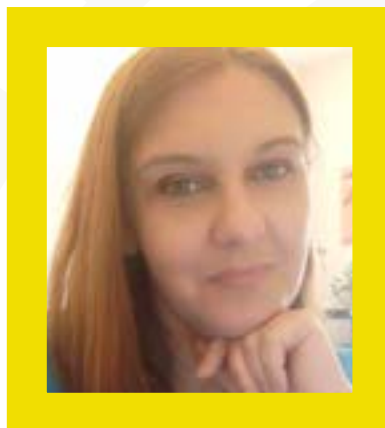


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Akiko

Keywords

Japanese fantasy; Oriental fantasy; martial arts; medieval Japan; ninja; ninjutsu; assassins

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Synopsis

The cursed covenant between a naive queen and a millennial devil will give birth to a child. The little one, helped by the Kami (spirit) of the Wind, will be adopted by simple families, and will show a gift bearer of death and destruction, whenever she is in danger. Assassins sent to kill her, won over by her diabolical charm, will make her the heir of Ryūjinja, a monastery of spies and thieves. Here the girl will be called Akiko and will develop the ability to see the Ōra, souls of living beings, and learn to use a spiked chain, Sashimasu.

Akiko will be sent to a distant island to kill a prince, but nothing will go as planned. From that moment, the young woman will move through ancient myths, looking for an artifact to restore balance, in an epic fight that will decide the fate of the world.

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EPIC FANTASY



Yuriko

Keywords

Japanese fantasy; Oriental fantasy; martial arts; medieval Japan; ancient gods; reincarnation

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Synopsis

The Jade Empire is a land of samurai, courtiers, and mystics. Yuriko, a young *yamabushi*, must take the exam to become an adult and enter the most feared and hated clan of the kingdom. She must deal with political intrigues greater than herself and the power of the Ki that her grandfather gave her. But the threat of darkness will pass through different ages.

Sapporo, 1917. Kanon was born in a time of war and will chose a mystical path to try to overcome her demons. Tokyo, 2040. Manami lives in a serene world without too many upheavals, but this apparent peace will be destroyed by the advent of forgotten creatures. New Kyoto, 3780. Akemi is part of the new aristocracy divided into three different worlds, yet she has an uncontrollable attraction for the Earth, a planet abandoned for centuries to which she will try to return.

Each of these girls will make very different choices but, basically, everything is already written in the stars, for those who can read it.

From the same author

Akiko. Origins

What would happen if a man defied the Kami, or spirit, of Time? When Ashvin lost his wife and daughter, he began his own war against the gods, starting a chain of events that gave birth to Akiko and led her to Ryūjinja, the monastery where she will learn all about martial arts, and her soul.

Akiko. Broken soul

Year 2030, Kyoto. Akiko, master of martial arts and daughter of the spirit of Time, is reborn called by evil energies that crave control over the world. But her soul is divided into three, she is weak and has no memory of who she was. Will the love of an ancient warrior be enough to awaken her, or will she have to look for Sashimasu, the fearsome chain, buried in the monastery of the dragon Ichiban?

Top seller author

Max Peronti

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Omega. The Rebel Army

Keywords

Military fantasy; military strategies; epic fantasy; high fantasy; battles; war; leader

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Synopsis

In a few years, the bloodthirsty emperor Zorks has forcibly subdued much of the free kingdoms of Panteia. No one seems able to stop him, until a disfigured hero, Omega, emerges from Alzania, who ignites the flame of rebellion. It's the beginning of the resistance.

In a world of court intrigue and betrayal, a handful of heroes will leave in search of allies, fighting epic and bloody battles, but above all learning to know each other, in depth. Because there is no sacrifice when it is done for the most precious good: freedom.



Ambrushur

Keywords

Military fantasy; military strategies; epic fantasy; high fantasy; battles; war; leader

ISBN

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688

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Synopsis

Winds of war blow on the continent of Panteia. The tyrant Zorks has been killed, but among the rulers of the kingdoms of men old rivalries resurface, new alliances are born and secret pacts are made, while the green skin-horde threatens to invade the kingdoms of the West and mysterious raiders land on the southern coasts of the continent.

In this climate of tension and fear, the necromancer Xankroz crosses the sea with a frightening army, to conclude his ritual and kill every living being. The ambrushur Omega has to stop him. But he needs the help of the dark magicians and a devious elf, an extreme choice that could be fatal...

From the same author

Omega. The Fires of War

After spending the winter in the shadows, the time has come for Omega to unleash the entire Liberation Front against the armies of the bloodthirsty Emperor Zorks. As the war ignites Alzania, other forces arise, threatening to bring more destruction and death to the kingdoms of Panteia.

The Origins of Omega

Omega, who escaped an unjust death sentence, and Zorks, Prince of the Red Earth, are two ambrushur, young men with a power both great and uncontrollable. While training, they become good friends, until a twist of fate sets them one against each other. This triggers a series of intrigues and betrayals, culminating in the war between the Red Land and the central kingdoms.

ASTRO JUNIOR

(CHILDREN'S BOOKS 5-11 YEARS OF AGE)

Top seller author

Giorgia Staiano

Giorgia Staiano has been working for years as an occupational therapist at the Centre for Autonomy in Rome. Passionate about art, she finds in writing the opportunity to express herself. She published with Astro editions *The Ancestor's Evil* and, for David&Matthaus, *Beyond me, with you*, sponsored by the Paraplegic Association and the Italian Federation of Paraplegic Associations.



The Fabulous Science

Keywords

Children's science; children's books 5-7 years; women of science; scientists; science and children

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112

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1500

Synopsis

Have you ever wondered what the greatest scientists were like, as children? How the world, in its enchanting mechanism, revealed itself to the point of showing them its most important secrets? A journey which will lead you to Archimedes' Greece, among the stars with Hypatia and Galileo, you will love nature with Leonardo and Darwin, you will be attracted by small things with Newton, you will make sensational discoveries near Volta and Marconi, you'll be as stubborn as the young Madame Curie, and you'll turn the universe upside down with little Einstein. The world of science will no longer be a distant story, but with accurate simplicity, it will become a fairy tale, to fascinate and intrigue young and old alike.

From the same author

The Ancestors' Evil

In a distant time, Lios, the mother goddess, disappointed by man and his abuses, exterminated the human race, saving only seven peoples. The survivors evolved their knowledge into various arts to honor her. Elits, thanks to the removal of negative emotions, dominate the nature that surrounds them in peace and harmony, but Mizar has nothing to do with them.

Top seller author

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The Divine Comedy 3.0

Keywords

The Divine Comedy; Dante; Parody; children's books 9-11 years; great classics; Italian literature

ISBN

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160

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Synopsis

Reading Dante has never been so much fun! This story was born from the idea of interpreting the Divine Comedy in a fairy-tale key; a parody written in a language suitable for the youngest, to introduce the world of great literature. A girl, Chiara, falls asleep before an important test in Italian. She dreams of finding herself in the dark forest and the only way out is to go through the same journey described by Dante, from Hell to Heaven. The authors (father and daughter) have fun, between hilarious gags and quotes in a modern key, to rewrite the most fantastic journey in the afterlife, in a revised version by the sensitivity of today's teenagers. The text also contains appendices explaining Dante's main themes: courtly love; the Guelph and Ghibelline feud; Aristotle's philosophy; Ptolemaic geocentrism and other insights for explanations both at school and in the family.



The Temple of the Rose

Keywords

The Name of the Rose; Umberto Eco; Parody; children's books 9-11 years; great classics; Italian literature

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Synopsis

A parody of *The Name of the Rose* by Umberto Eco, written in a language suitable for children, to introduce the world of great literature.

In a world devastated by a terrible Cataclysm, one of the most prosperous communities is located in Bled Abbey, targeted by religious fanatics: these argue that the temple site in the monastery would be dedicated to a heretic cult and, as such, should be destroyed along with all the books of the druid's library. To solve the case, William of Baskerlaand, a distinguished scholar, is called with his assistant, Hudson from Melik. In the meantime, however, the mysteries surrounding the abbey are complicated: some of the scribes in the library disappear without a trace. Master William has little time to discover the abbey's secrets, before the Inquisition Court arrives.


From the same author

The Promised Elves

This is a nice parody of Manzoni's *I promessi sposi*. Also suitable for children, it introduces the world of great Italian literature. The ancient peninsula of Ausonia fell under the command of the forces of evil. The warlords have made human slaves, orcs, wolves and even dragons.

Deka Merone. The Brown Dragon's legend

From Griselda to Ser Ciappelletto, from Fra' Cipolla to Chichibio and Calandrino, 10 authors retrace the most beautiful stories collected in Boccaccio's *Decameron*. The town of Florentia is devastated by the plague. A druid, two dwarfs, a jester, a shapeshifter, a paladin, a half-orca, a priestess, a bard and a monk try to handle the situation.

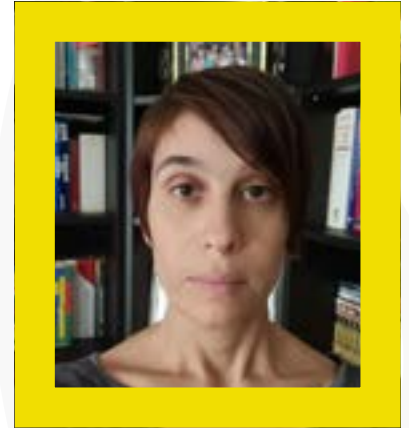
The background is a solid blue color. In the center, there is a faint, light blue graphic. It depicts a hand holding an open book. Overlaid on the book and hand is a large gear with a grid-like pattern inside it. The text is centered over this graphic.

GAME BOOKS & ESCAPE BOOKS

Top seller authors

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Ragnarok

Keywords

Escape book; Norse mythology; Nordic myths; game book; Ragnarok; Thor; Asgard

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320

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Synopsis

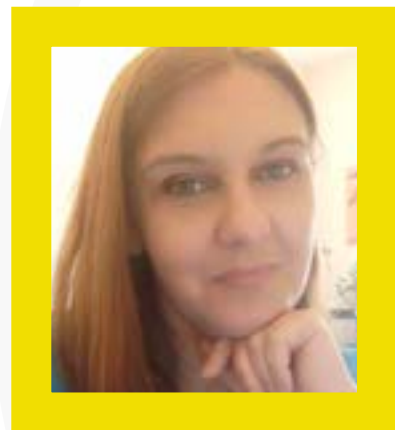
Your name is Jord, and you always thought you were an average 16-year-old teenager, living in a small town in Canada. But what will you do when you discover that you are in fact the son of Thor, the thunder god of Asgard, and that you have the task of saving the Earth and the other existing worlds, preventing Ragnarok, the end of the whole universe? A thousand adventures await you, along with many different endings. It is time to find out if you will be able to avoid Ragnarok!

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Magic Mystery ROMA

Keywords

Game book; escape book; mystery; children's books 9-11 years; role-playing; school of magic

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144

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1000 (in distribution)

Synopsis

It is the first day for Lucilla at the Academy of Witchcraft in Rome and immediately she becomes friend of Romeo, Bonci, Ivo and Giorgina. But something goes wrong! An object is stolen, and the kids will have to retrieve it using spells, cunning and a bit of luck. Do you want to help them?

Pass the magic tests and solve the riddle of the Order of the Asp. Start the game: in this book, you are the protagonist!

From the same author

Magic Mystery VENEZIA

Five great friends who attend the Academy of Witchcraft in Rome go on a trip to Venice! Professor Tignosetta will try to stop their desire for adventure, but the kids will have to investigate unexplained events happened at the famous *La Fenice* theater.

Who or what makes instruments play at night when everyone is asleep? And who or what leaves magical feathers around? Investigate with Romeo, Lucilla and their friends and solve puzzles, because this school trip is a mystery!

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The Mystery of the Labyrinth

Keywords

Greek mythology; Crete; game book; escape book; Minos; Minotaur; Labyrinth; role-playing game

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Synopsis

It is a children's mystery book; an interpretation of the myth of the Minotaur of Crete written in a language suitable for kids, which introduces to the world of Greek mythology.

The book is front and back: on the one side, there is the story of the wise Epimenides, on the other a fun interactive game book, with choices at crossroads where the child can decide how the story will develop. Who killed the Minotaur? Find out and have fun!



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The Faces of the Apocalypse

Keywords

Serial killer; murderer; investigator; crime; crime; investigation; female inspector; revenge

ISBN

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Pages

400

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2000

Synopsis

Inspector Rigoberta "Ribe" Daverio's life is turned upside down when her mother, Anna, is killed during a robbery attempt gone wrong. Three years later, Ribe is no longer a member of the Police and makes a living as a private eye in Milan.

Commissioner, Stefano Sanna, once her superior and now her occasional lover, asks Ribe to unofficially investigate on a murder that occurred in the surroundings of the city: an esteemed psychologist was found dead with a message left on his naked and tortured body, a passage from the *Book of Revelation* of the apostle John.

Starting from this clue, Ribe Daverio will enter step by step into a reality where evil is a palpable presence, composed of different shades that swirl around a single word: Apocalypse.

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Powers

Keywords

Superheroes; superpowers; scientific experiments; paranormal thriller; secret government organizations; killers

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464

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Synopsis

In Milan, to save his newborn son in danger of life, a father accepts the help of a mysterious doctor. Decades later, in Piazza Duomo, Giorgio Braga meets his friend Romano Cattaneo, whom he hadn't seen since elementary school, when the latter had suddenly vanished into thin air. In the same days, Milena, a prostitute, is brutally killed just outside the Lombard metropolis, while individuals with special abilities are supervised and recruited throughout Italy by a secret government organization under the command of Siegfried Siller, a powerful official, ready for anything. What are Siller's plans and what links them to the murder of the prostitute and to the meeting between the two old schoolmates? From Milan to Rome, disturbing and uncontrolled powers overwhelm any scruple, in the extreme attempt to prevail over one other and to survive in the new era of light, but also of darkness, which is looming on the horizon.

From the same author

The Union Under Fire

In the near future, European nations have disappeared, engulfed in the Union, a technocracy divided into four provinces and with the central power in Brussels. The European continent has become a utopian paradise for its citizens, where everyone lives in peace and freedom, at least so it seems.

Meanwhile, a clandestine movement is plotting to overthrow the government, trying to reveal the dictatorship that hides behind the Union's fake democracy.

REAL LIFE STORIES

The background features a large, stylized graphic of a film strip, rendered in a lighter shade of blue. The film strip is curved and appears to be moving across the frame, with individual frames visible. The overall color scheme is a solid, deep blue.

Top seller author

Stefano Antonini

Stefano Antonini, educator and trainer for AUSL in Bologna, collaborates with the School and Culture Offices of Emilia-Romagna, in the implementation of projects related to active listening and prevention of gender violence. He is the artistic director of the Association "Burattingegno Theatre", creates and of the Municipal Theatre of Castello d'Argile. He published for Astro edizioni: *Come Back. A Father's Letter to a Homosexual Son*, and *A Mother's Secret. Hidden Words of an Infinite Love*.



Come Back. A Father's Letter to a Homosexual Son

Keywords

Homophobia; homosexuality; gender violence; bullying; father and son; homosexual child; suicide

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Synopsis

A father comes home early from work and finds his 17-year-old son in the arms of a boy. The wonder, the anger and the pain freeze every reaction. The father locks himself in his room and only manages to do one thing: write a long and touching letter to his son. *Come back* is the letter that every boy, rejected by his family, would have liked to receive, it is the opportunity, for every parent unable to accept diversity, to open a dialogue to find those answers that, alone, are difficult to give. *Come back* is the letter that, perhaps, would have prevented the suicide of many minors who had only one difference: the ability to love.

From the same author

A Mother's Secret. Hidden Words of an Infinite Love

To mourn the loss of his mother, the protagonist, a young teacher at a secondary school in Bologna, decides to tell his students the secret that the woman had kept for years, hidden in a closet: her first great love. By placing on the chair, the box containing 124 letters, written between 1951 and 1952 by his mother's then boyfriend, the professor lays the foundations for a discussion with his students.

Top seller author

Luigi Stefanazzi

Luigi Stefanazzi, after graduating in science, attended the Military Air Force Officers school of Caserta and, also within the Air Force, held various positions. Passionate about theater and writing, he published, in 2017, a collection of short stories that has reached the final stage of the competition "My debut 2018". In 2019, Astro Edizioni published his first novel, *Labyrinth of Lies* and, in 2021, his successful novel *Anatomy of an Immoral Mind*.



Anatomy of an Immoral Mind

Keywords

Prejudice; homophobia; sexual identity; homosexuality; self-discovery; lies; conspiracy silence

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Synopsis

François, following his greatest passion, acting, enrolled in a theatre school. Here he meets Gérard, an actor who is also his teacher, and of whom he is immediately fascinated. Gérard is married to Valérie, a psychotherapist well known in the city and soon, their fates will intertwine in a murky and passionate bond, which will force François to confront himself without hypocrisy with his personal, uncomfortable truths. During the process of discovering his sexual identity, the boy will get to know four women: Colette, school director and strong-willed woman, sometimes hard; the elderly neighbor Margot, understanding and tolerant; Dominique, his classmate who loves him in secret and Sophie who, after being rejected, will retaliate in a sneaky way.

From the same author

Labyrinth of lies

Hiding who we are is wasted energy. We are at war, trying to prevail over each other, but without help we are doomed to failure. Four men leave with their life baggage. A baggage that seems to contain only defeats and secrets that, once discovered, will throw them against each other in a desire for revenge that is unlikely to find a winner.

Top seller author

Luca Gennasi

Luca Gennasi is an entrepreneur in the field of industrial technical articles. In 1999, he co-founded Ge-Tech S.r.l., and then created other brands. He has been a member of voluntary associations and held the territorial presidency of a well-known national confederation. He made his debut as an author in 2021 with the autobiographical novel *When LIFE Begins Again* (Astro Edizioni), which attracted great interest from the public, media and press. His audience also rewarded Gennasi's second novel, *An Imperfect Love* (Astro edizioni, 2022).



An Imperfect Love

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Leo, top manager of a multinational corporation, and Mapi, a successful writer, after a life spent chasing each other, will face countless trials to crown their love. The story takes place between Bologna and Milan, with continuous flashbacks that take the reader into different periods of the life of the protagonists. In the background, the intense Italian history of the last fifty years. The complicated childhood, the different experiences, the numerous encounters, the disappointments, the mistakes, the mourning that have marked the existence of the characters are a sign of hope

From the same author

When LIFE Begins Again

In an aseptic closet, the news arrives. Third-degree brain tumor, oligodendroglioma. The author of this autobiographical novel, Luca Gennasi, was certain he would die in the prime of his life at 55, but he is still here to tell his tale.

NEW VOICES



Alessandro Renna

Metropolitan Bushido

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Gildo Morbidelli is a sad and grey employee, who is isolated in an even more grey routine. A sort of existential swamp from which he thinks he will get out by committing suicide. It is at that moment that his subconscious, tired of being ignored, rebels, revealing itself to him under the guise of the old Chang, the cook of the Chinese restaurant below his house, who, like a Zen Master from the center of his mind, urges Gildo to embrace the way of the metropolitan warrior, a sort of modern Bushido.



NEW VOICES

Camilla Sancini

For Love

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The desire to get out of poverty leads a young woman, Andrea, to meet dangerous people, who will mark her life. A tragedy will give her the courage to escape and forget a stormy past, lived between lawlessness and prostitution.

Years go by, when everything seems to have been erased, the past comes back as a bully, ready to destroy Andrea. An unexpected encounter will give her the strength to say: "Enough!".



Donatella Lalitha Riback

Bliss Lab

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This book contains many of the author's spiritual experiences and a summary of her thirty years of study, to help those who feel strange, misunderstood.

Lalitha's work, here in the *Bliss Lab*, is focused on the revelation of preternatural powers, widely exploited by wise yogis, and how to obtain them or, better, how to activate them. So, the choice is left to us: we are beings of light, we are not alone, we are very powerful, eternal, and our true nature consists of pure love.



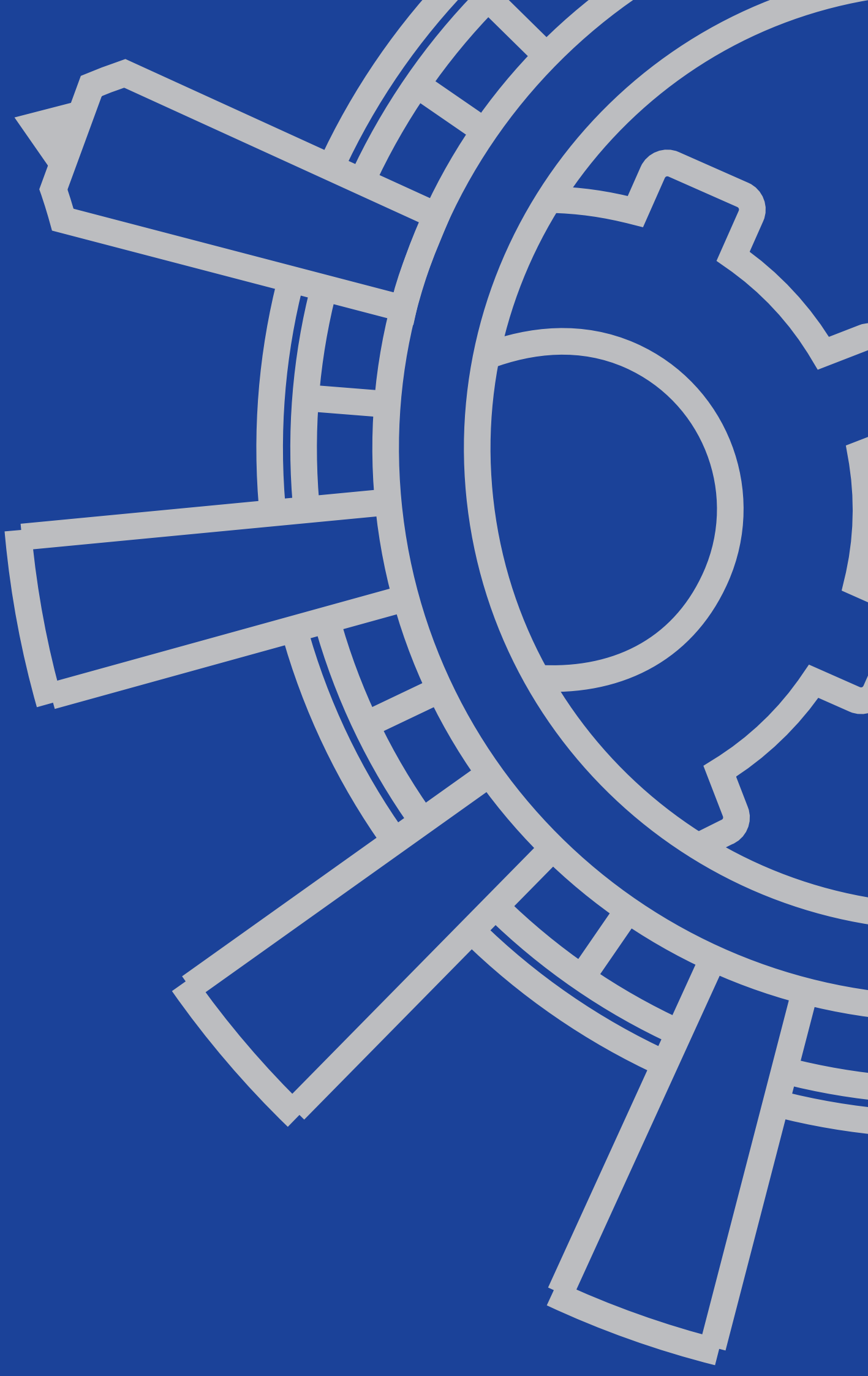
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