

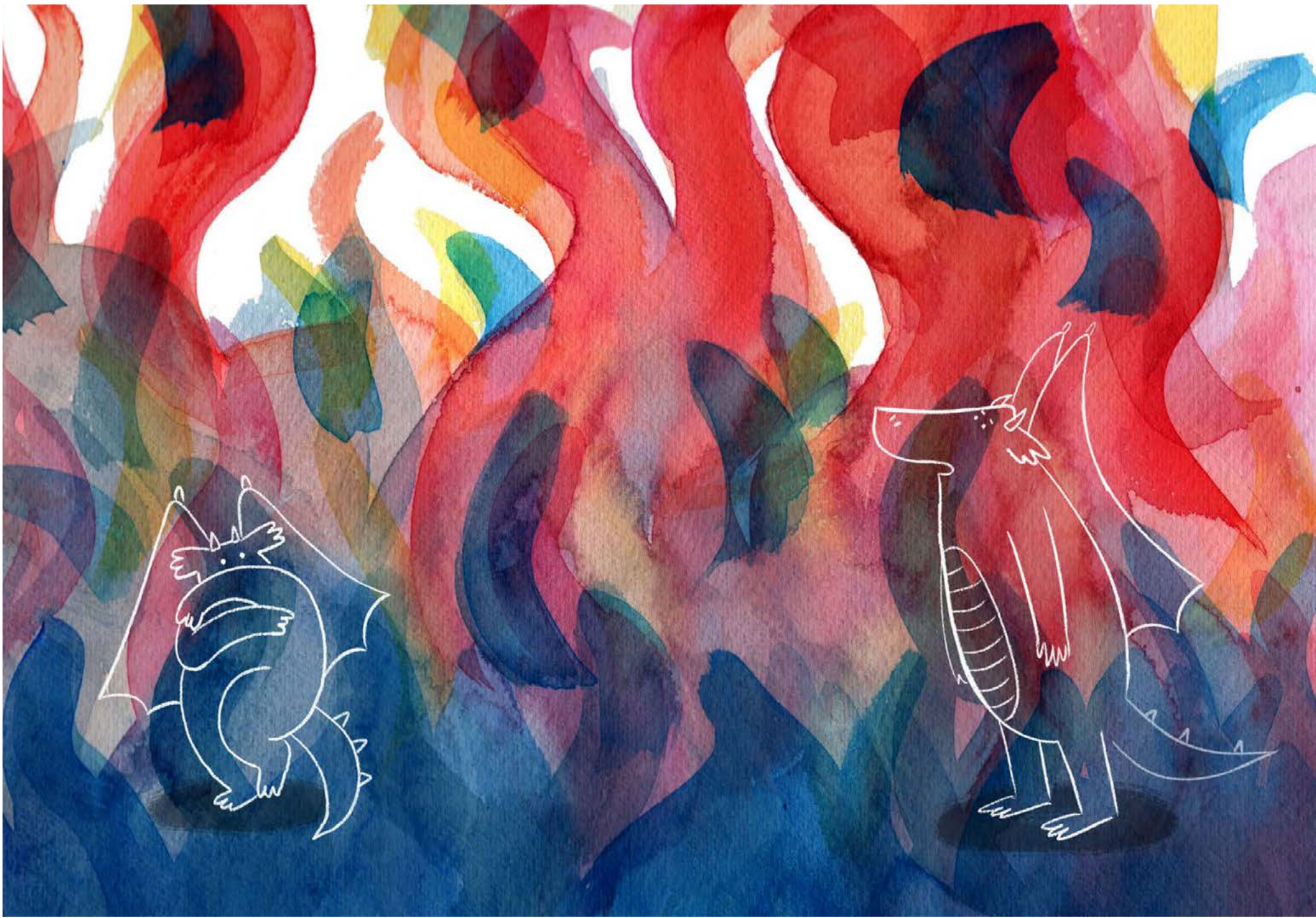
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2024





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PICTURE BOOKS



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

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

■ THEMES

- DRAGONS
- RAGE
- FAMILY
- EMBRACING EMOTIONS
- RULES

■ The mayor of Dragon City 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.**



NO FIRE BREATHING

By Ilaria Perversi



WALKING POLDO

By Walter Leoni | Illustrations by Isabella Tiveron



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

An irresistibly fun picture book that helps foster child autonomy.

■ Poldo is veery big. Lily is small. But who says little kids can't do big people stuff? Taking the dog for a walk will be a breeze. Right?

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■ THEMES

- DOGS
- GROWING UP
- INDEPENDENCE
- LAUGHTER
- BEST FRIENDS





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

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

■ **THEMES**

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

■ **RIGHTS SOLD IN**

- ENGLISH (WORLD)
- FRANCE
- TURKEY
- ISRAEL

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



A PLACE JUST FOR ME

By Loredana Baldinucci | Illustrations by Melinda Berti



PANGO AND DILLO

By Francesca Ortona | Illustrations by Lorenzo Sangiò



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

**The perfect book to face
the first day of school!**

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

■ THEMES

- DIVERSITY
- FEARS AND EMOTIONS
- BACK TO SCHOOL

■ RIGHTS SOLD IN

- KOREA







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

Big stories for little readers.

THEMES

- ADVENTURE
- NEW FRIENDS
- MYSTERY
- SUMMER
- TREASURE HUNT
- GHOSTS

Mininovels are important early readings. They aim to give children their first "big people" novels with chapters, colour illustrations, an easy-to-read font, a complex (but not complicated) plot, and a fun and original story.

BOOK #1 THE GHOST OF THE MINE

An old, abandoned mine is a perfect place for Astrid and her friends to discover tunnels, mysteries, and maybe even a ghost!

BOOK #2 54 SECONDS LATE

54 seconds late, and Dennis Cayenne's plans are all messed up. He bumps into a new frenemy and that's the start of a new thrilling adventure!

BOOK #3 LISA TI AND THE MEDLAR (FALL 2024)

Lisa is angry because she has to spend a few days with a friend of her mother's, and her weird son, Elm. She doesn't know it yet, but they will soon turn into detectives!

BOOK #4 FAIRIES DON'T EXIST (FALL 2024)

Merope has met a fairy, she's positive about that. Furthermore, the fairy made Merope's wish come true: her noisy little sister has disappeared! Merope and her friends need to find her.

MININOVELS: SERIES

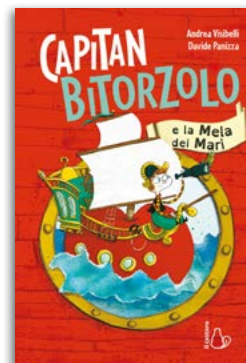
By Various Authors



■ SERIES

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 (FALL 2024)**

To break a curse, Captain Bump and his crew sail off for a new and monstrous adventure.

■ THEMES

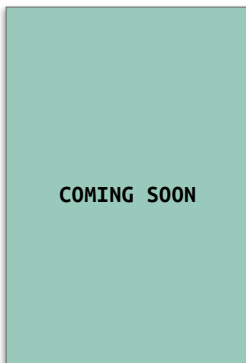
- FUN
- ADVENTURE
- FRIENDSHIP
- PIRATES
- BRAVERY

■ RIGHTS SOLD IN

- SPANISH (WORLD)
- CATALAN
- ROMANIAN



■ SERIES ■



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

LADY BERTHA: SERIES

By Brian Freschi | Illustrations by Elena Triolo

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

■ **THEMES**

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

■ **RIGHTS SOLD IN**

- SPANISH (WORLD)
- CATALAN
- SLOVAK

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

BOOK #1
LADY BERTHA AND THE RIPPED HATS
 Who's been destroying the hats of London's high society?

BOOK #2
LADY BERTHA AND THE VANISHED CAKE
 There's a wedding on the way and Bertha's family is in a flutter! It'll be up to Bertha to find out who stole the wedding cake.

BOOK #3
LADY BERTHA AND THE TOWER RAVENS (FALL 2024)
 The Tower of London and its guardian ravens are enveloped in a puzzling mystery. Bertha and her friends will investigate the misdeed and save the day.

■ **SERIES** ■



DREAM VOLLEY: SERIES

By Annalisa Strada and Myriam Sylla



COMING SOON

COMING SOON

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)!

■ 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 (SUMMER 2024)

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

BOOK #4 (SUMMER 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?

■ THEMES

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



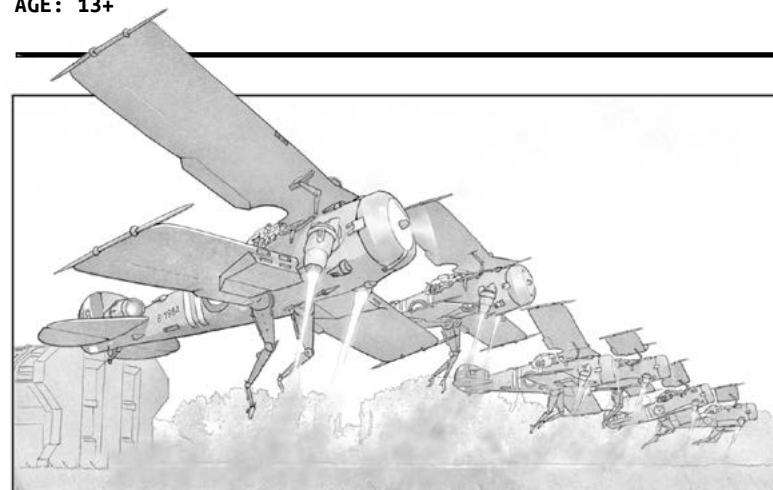
NIGHT OF THE BIPLANES

By Davide Morosinotto | Illustrations by Claudio Prati



HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 344
FORMAT: 14X21cm
AGE: 13+

**We can only build peace
by remaining true to ourselves.**



THEMES

- PEACE
- ALTERNATE PAST
- FRIENDSHIP
- FLIGHT
- BIPLANES
- WAR
- TECHNOLOGY

A book made of skies and vast horizons, of friendship and love, of conflict and choices... with 25 pages of original drawings.

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Cornwall, 1916, World War I. In an alternate past, technology is highly advanced and BOTs (Bio-Order Translators) establish direct connections between humans and machines: pilots become as one with their biplanes. With their pliable minds, teenagers are ideal pilots. Too bad BOT technology is hiding an awful secret. 16 years old and the best of friends, Mary, John and Arthur find themselves in the eye of the storm: Mary and Arthur enlist, while pacifist John is involved – unwillingly – for love of his friends. The sky battles between English biplanes, Zeppelins and German triplanes will change their fate forever.

A thrilling adventure against the exotic backdrop of Japan.

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

THEMES

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

RIGHTS SOLD IN

- RUSSIA
- ROMANIA

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

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

PRIZES AND AWARDS

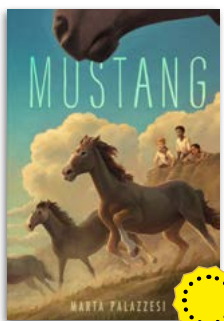
**Premio Strega
Ragazze
e Ragazzi
2020**



MIST
10+ | 160pp | 14X21cm

RIGHTS SOLD IN
USA, Denmark,
Poland, Russia, Ukraine,
Macedonia, Japan, Albania

From the same author:



MUSTANG
10+ | 176pp | 14X21cm

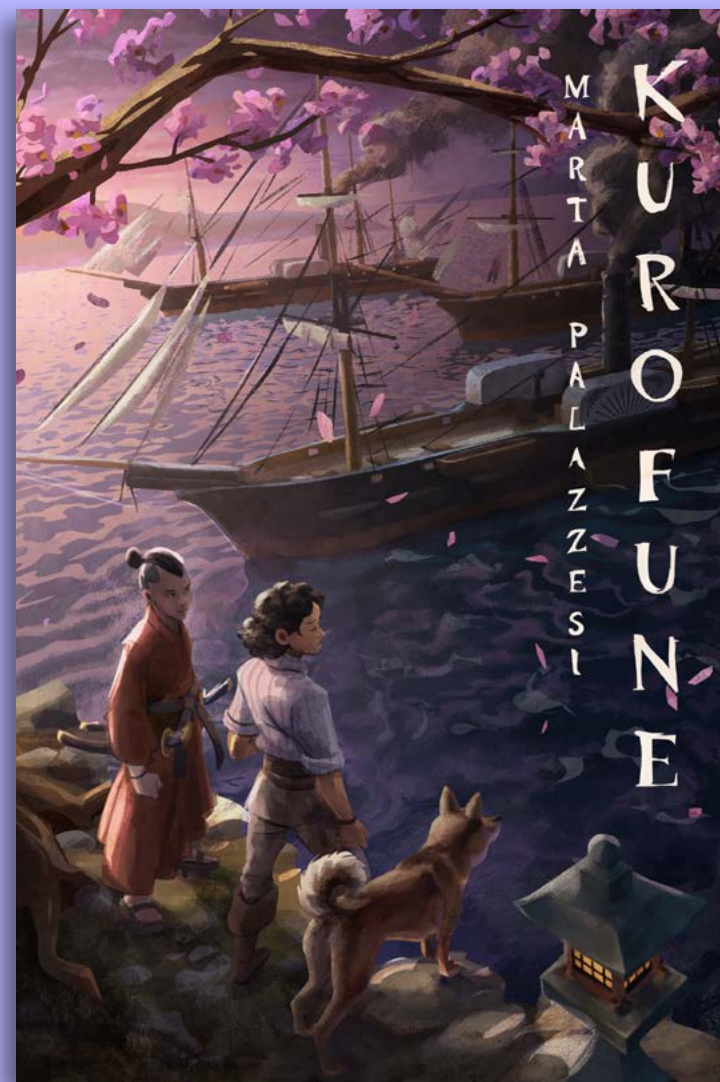


ALKREM
12+ | 368pp | 14X21cm

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USA

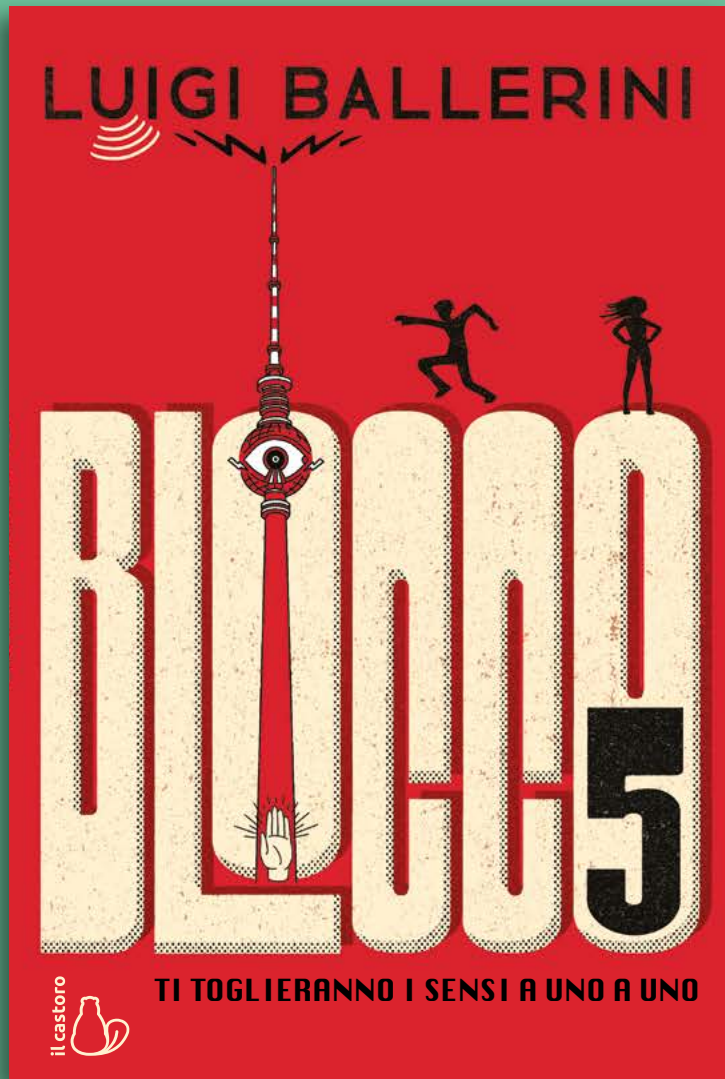
KUROFUNO

By Marta Palazzesi



BLOCK 5

By Luigi Ballerini



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

**The new dystopian novel
by a bestselling author.**

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

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

■ THEMES

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

■ RIGHTS SOLD IN

- RUSSIA
- TURKEY

From the same author:



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

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



MYRA KNOWS EVERYTHING
12+ | 296pp | 14X21cm

RIGHTS SOLD IN
France, Slovenia, Turkey



TO SECOND HUMANITY
12+ | 208pp | 14X21cm

RIGHTS SOLD IN
Turkey

A story that explores the crucial moments of adolescence.

HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 288
FORMAT: 14X21cm
AGE: 13+

■ THEMES

- MUSIC
- GUTS
- FRIENDSHIP
- JOURNEY
- IDOLS
- ADOLESCENCE

MOVIE
RIGHTS
OPTIONED

Three teens' journey on the trail of an enduring idol.

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■ February, 1994. Frances, Zippo and Liam are full of anger, but also of life and enthusiasm. The three teenagers have a band and a shared idol: Kurt Cobain. When Liam finds out that the Nirvana frontman will be in Rome, unofficially and thus easily approachable, the three decide to set off. Maybe they'll meet him, or maybe this adventure will teach them that idols – if they do, indeed, exist – are meant to be outgrown.

On April 5th, 1994, Kurt Cobain dramatically took his own life and became a legend.

THE NIGHT I KILLED KURT COBAIN

By Azzurra D'Agostino



JOURNEY BEYOND THE UNKNOWN

By Valentina Federici and AI

Take a **HUMAN MIND** and **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**. Give them the same instructions and rules. Ask them to build a story. This is a



JOURNEY BEYOND THE UNKNOWN



A narrative challenge with **TWO STORIES** written by **VALENTINA FEDERICI** and **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**. Love, adventure, emotions. An **EXPERIMENT** by **P. BACCALARIO, M. MAGNONE** and **D. MOROSINOTTO**, to try to understand the challenges of the future.



The first publishing experiment to pit human talent against the skills of Artificial Intelligence.

PAPERBACK
PAGES: 192
FORMAT: 14X21cm
AGE: 11+

THEMES

- AI
- WRITING
- CREATIVITY
- CHALLENGE
- ADVENTURE

Two different yet thrilling stories and a reflection on facing the future and AI in a critical, intelligent way.

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IL CASTORO AND BOOK ON A TREE

Two stories starting from the same premises: one by a debut authoress and one written by Artificial Intelligence. The same rules and input, but completely different outputs (from both a creative and stylistic perspective). Let the readers be the judges.

The book includes a preface and an afterword reflecting on the opportunities offered by the use of AI, as well as how we should safeguard human activity in the creative sphere.

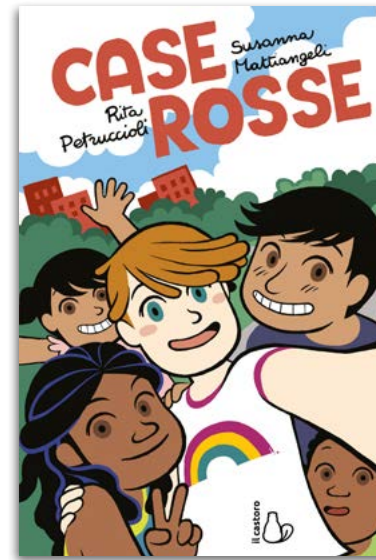


RED BRICKS

By Susanna Mattiangeli | Illustrations by Rita Petruccioli



GRAPHIC NOVELS



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

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

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

THEMES

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

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



GRAPHIC NOVELS



A wild, crazy and hilarious adventure in space.

FLEXICOVER
 PAGES: 176
 FULL COLOURS
 FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
 AGE: 10+

■ THEMES

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

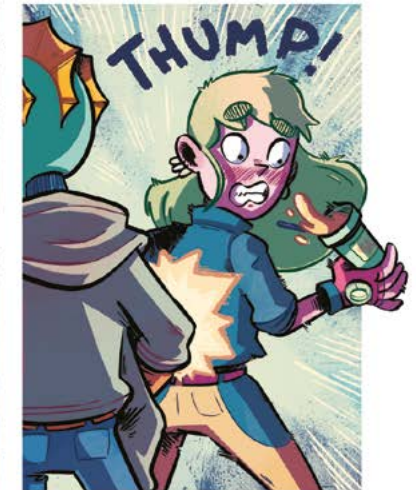
■ Marta and Stax dream of becoming the reigning champions of motorsnail races at the LunarPark! They come up against Uranians, Venusians and pilots from every other planet. Overtakings, explosions, tunnels on fire, giant monsters... only the fastest will survive!

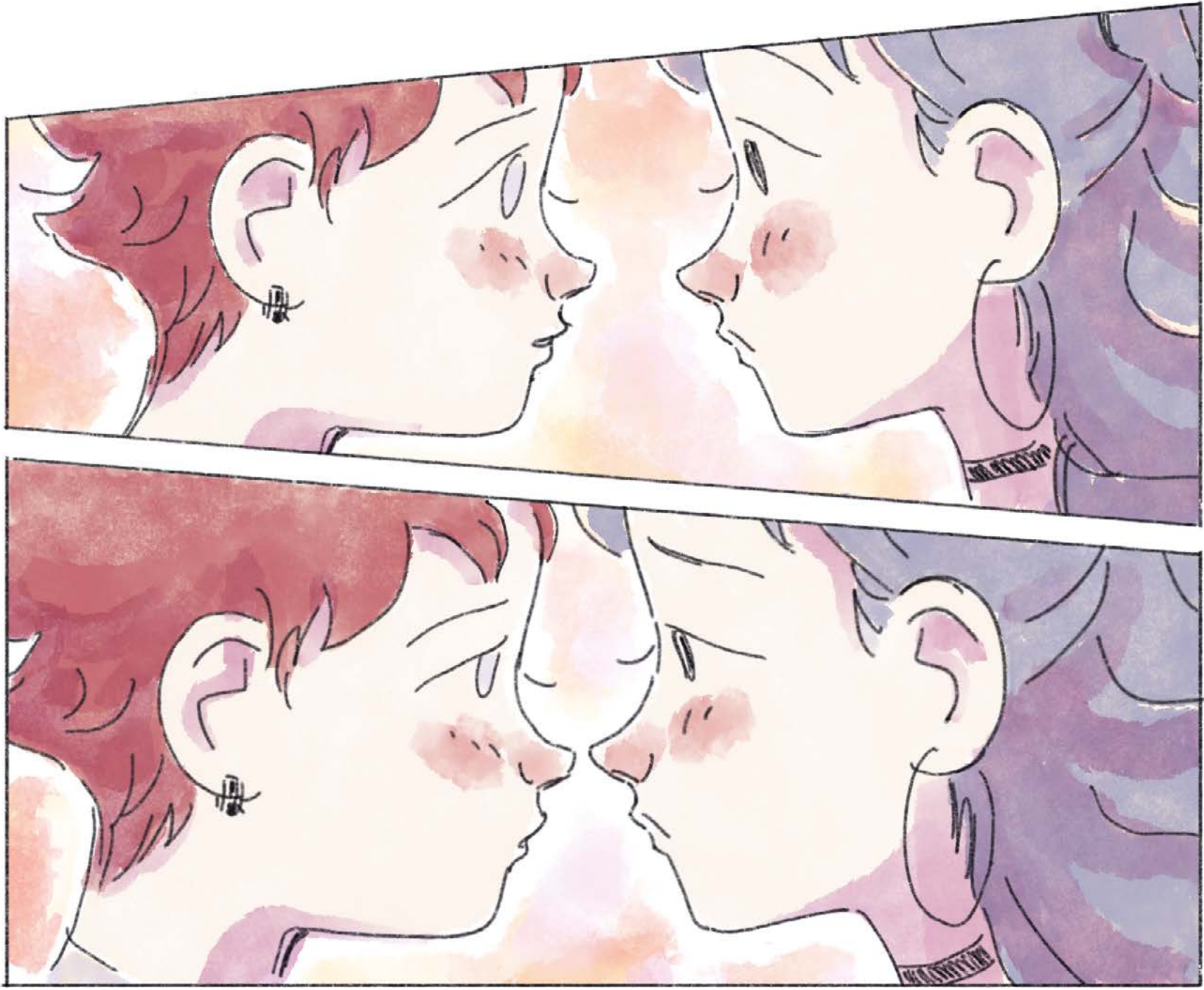
The first rule of motorsnail racing is: there are no rules in motorsnail racing!



MOTORSNAILS

By Jacopo Napolitano | Illustrations by Francesco Sala





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)



THE HIDDEN SOCIETY

By Archer sisters



HARDCOVER WITH METALLIC JACKET, COLORED EDGE
PAGES: 468
FORMAT: 15.8X23cm
AGE: NEW ADULT

RIGHTS SOLD IN

- FRANCE (OFFER)
- THE NETHERLANDS (OFFER)
- RUSSIA

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.

OTHER TITLES IN THE SERIES:

- BOOK #2 ABYSS AND CHARM (MERMAIDS) – OCTOBER 2024
- BOOK #3 DREAMS AND SPARKS (FAES) – JANUARY 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 RIGHTS
OPTIONED



VENICE

RIVALRY TO
LOVERS

BOOKTOK
VIBES

SLOW BURN
SPICY

ROMANTASY

DARK ACADEMIA

PLOT
TWISTS

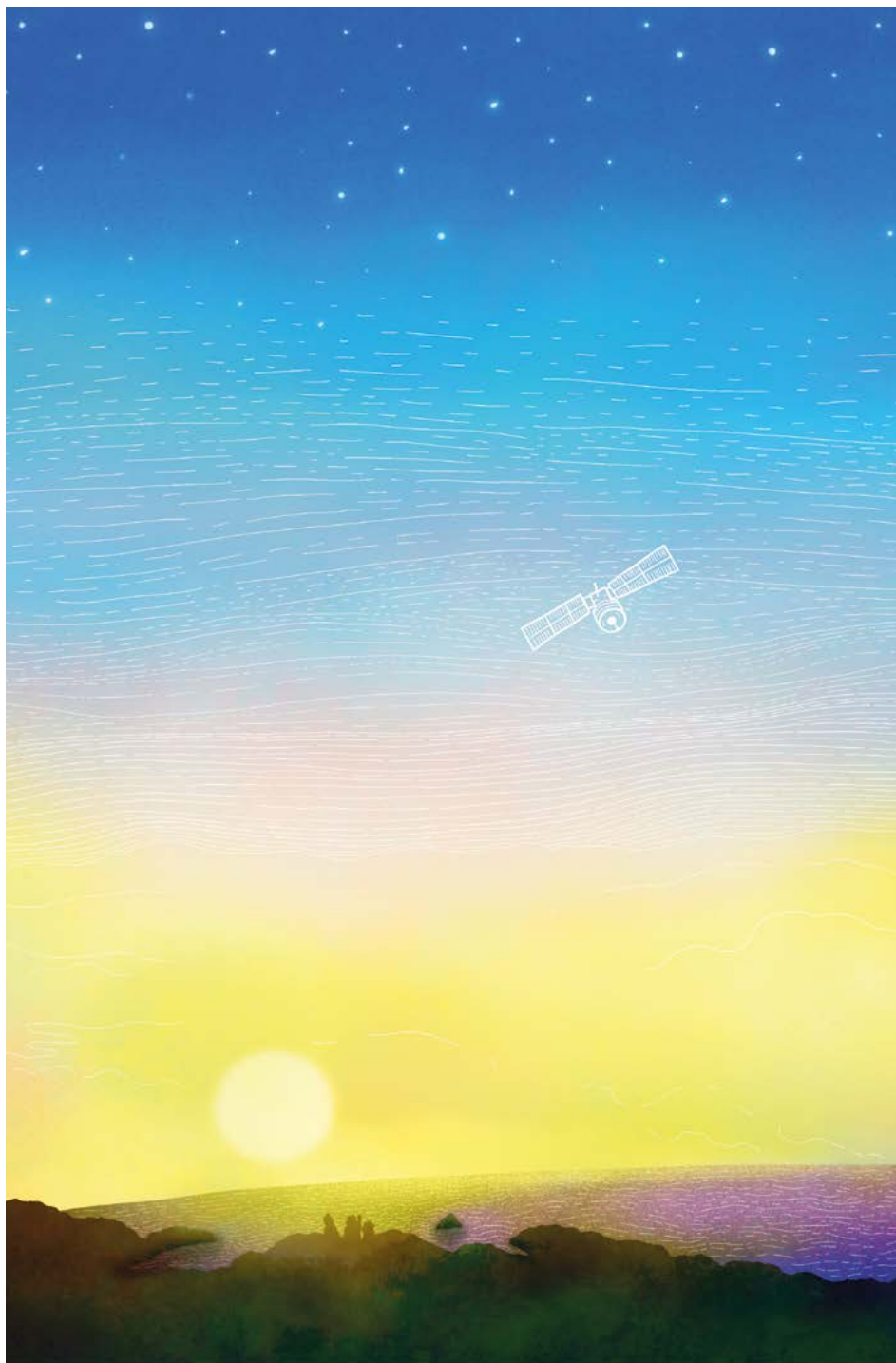
✦ Four authors ✦

✦ Four magical worlds ✦

✦ Four cities ✦

✦ Four destinies revealed in the tarot cards ✦

✦ Four incredible love stories ✦



■ 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



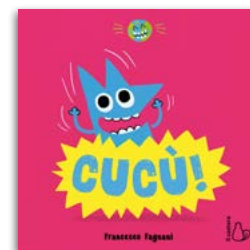
MY TREASURE BASKETS
Project by C. Arienti
Photos by A. Nastasi

0-3 | 22pp | 15X15cm



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

0-3 | 22pp | 15X15cm



PEEKABOO
By F. Fagnani

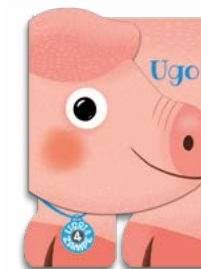
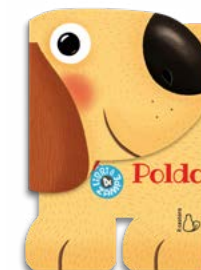
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TICKLE TICKLE
By F. Fagnani

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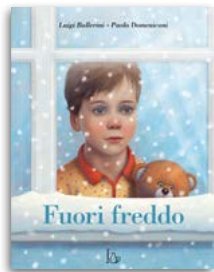
■ BACKLIST ■



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

RIGHTS SOLD IN
Korea

■ PICTURE BOOKS ■



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

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

4+ | 32PP | 23X30CM
RIGHTS SOLD IN
Simplified Chinese

■ PICTURE BOOKS ■



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, Spanish
(World), Luxembourg,
Simplified and
Complex Chinese

AMELIA
by C. Bellemo
ill. by S. Mulazzani

4+ | 40pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
Turkey, Slovenia,
Mongolia (optional),
Germany

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, Spanish (World),
Turkey, Simplified
Chinese,
Korea, Arabic (World)

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

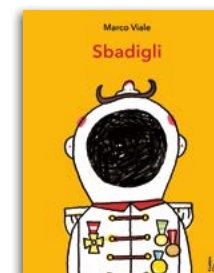
4+ | 48pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
France, Portugal,
Denmark, Turkey,
Greece, Spanish
(Latin America)

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

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GARDEN
by L. Tortolini
ill. by B. Cerocchi

4+ | 48pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
Turkey, Slovenia, Korea



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

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

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

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

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

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm
RIGHTS SOLD IN
France, Portugal,
Spanish (World),
Catalan, Armenia,
Simplified Chinese

YAWNS
by M. Viale

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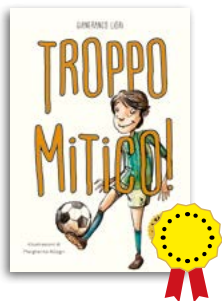
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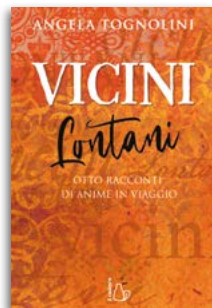
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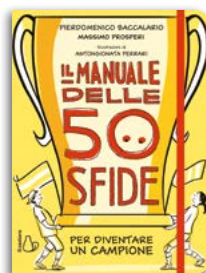
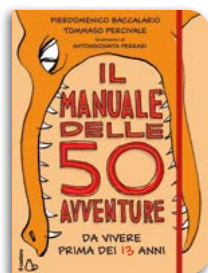
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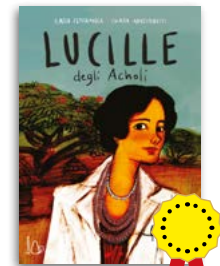
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