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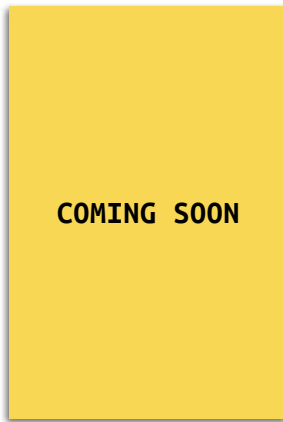
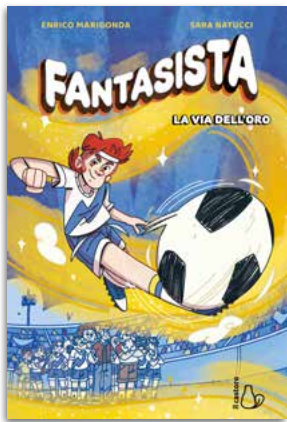
Illustration by Irene Penazzi taken from *Pebblehearts. The Tiny People of the River*



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GRAPHIC NOVELS



FLEXICOVER
PAGES: 160
FULL COLOUR
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 7+

Jaw-dropping matches and the challenge of growing up: a must-read graphic novel for all soccer fans.

■ **BOOK #1 – BORN TO WIN**

Achille plays as a goalkeeper but he is really bad at it. He does it just to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, who excelled in the same role. But playing between the posts makes him really unhappy, which affects the whole team. When a former soccer star – Achille's idol nonetheless – arrives to coach the *Blue Lightnings*, Achille's true talent emerges loud and clear: he was born to be a playmaker!

■ **BOOK #2 – COMING IN NOVEMBER 2026**

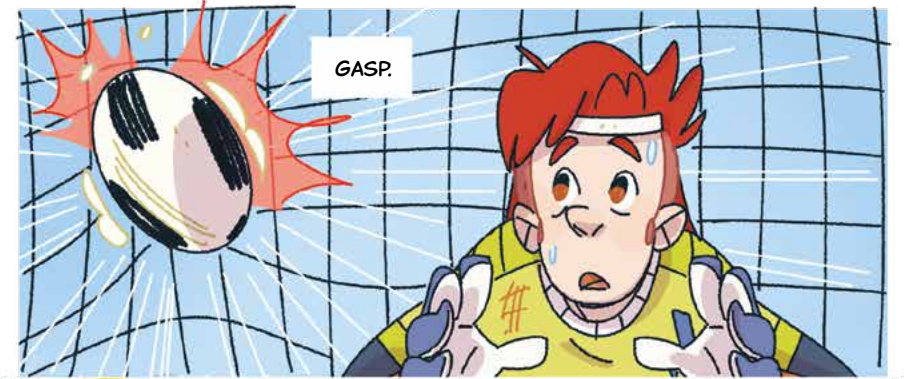
■ **THEMES**

- SPORT
- FRIENDSHIP
- FAMILY
- SOCCER
- GROWTH



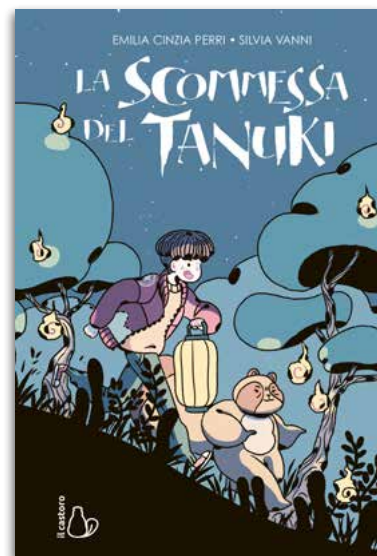
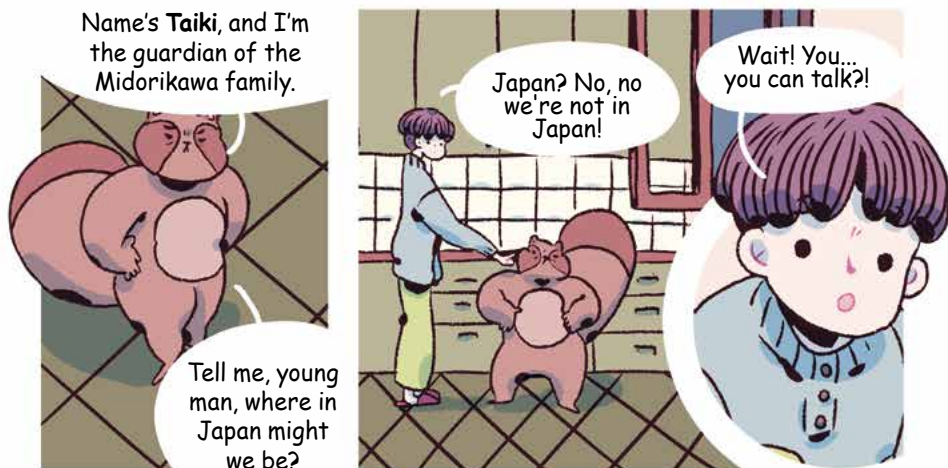
PLAYMAKER

By Enrico Marigonda | Illustrations by Sara Natucci



THE TANUKI'S CHALLENGE

By Emilia Cinzia Perri | Illustrations by Silvia Vanni



FLEXICOVER
 PAGES: 184
 FULL COLOUR
 FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
 AGE: 10+

A stunning graphic novel that blends Japanese folklore, environmental awareness and the power of family.

Jun has always felt like he doesn't really belong in his family: his parents and sister are passionate about environment while he just wants to have fun. So why spend time protesting against the construction of a city playground just to save a forest? Jun is so thrilled by such a novelty. But everything changes one day when the old family teapot suddenly turns into a... *tanuki*, right before Jun's eyes! Will the magical creature make him see the world in a whole different way?

THEMES

- FAMILY
- FEARS
- JAPANESE FOLKLORE
- YŌKAI
- TANUKI



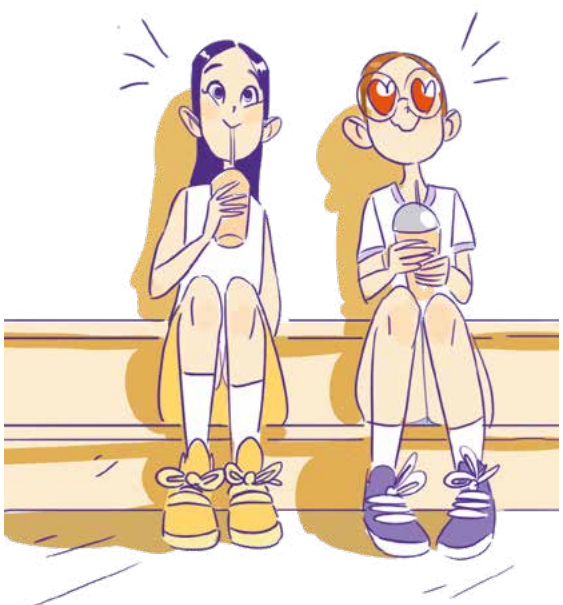


Anxiety and the pressure to fit in - told through Elena Triolo's unique style!

FLEXICOVER
PAGES: 192
FULL COLOUR
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 11+

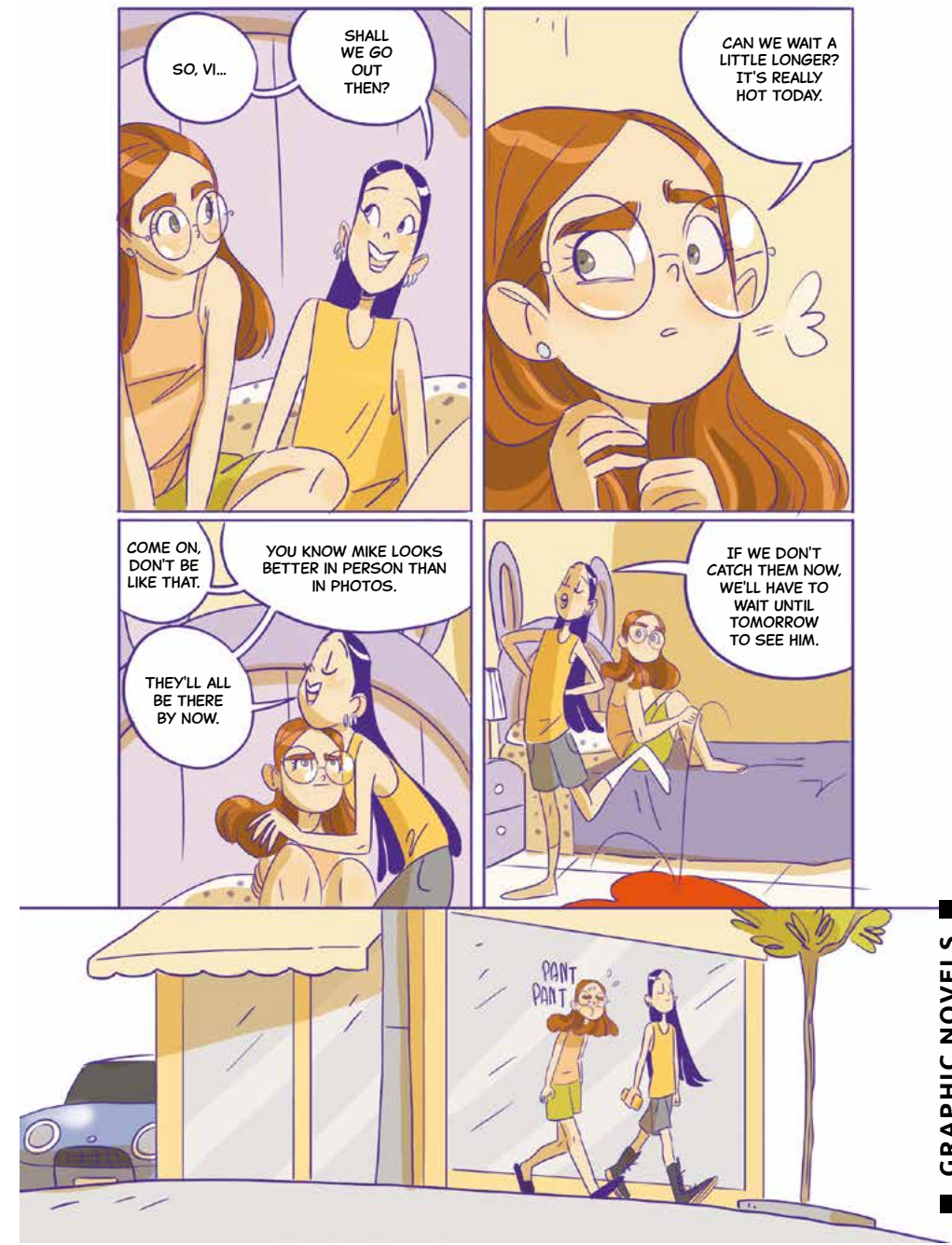
- **THEMES**
- ANXIETY
 - CHANGES
 - MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - DREAMS
 - SUPPORT
 - INNER STRENGTH

■ In the summer before high school, Violante and her friend Sophie join the group of the most popular kids in town. While Sophie fits it effortlessly, Violante struggles. Constant anxiety and the fear of fainting take over every time she steps outside. Amid arguments, first kisses, and fears to overcome, Violante will grow up and find the strength to face the big changes that life has in store for her.



VIOLANTE

By Elena Triolo



THE DARK I DO NOT FEAR

By Silvia Vecchini | Illustrations by Sualzo



FLEXICOVER
PAGES: 168
FULL COLOUR
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 12+

A profound story that delicately deals with the most inexplicable evil.

■ Leonard grew up in a safe house: in time, he saw children, youngsters and educators come and go. He stayed. And that wasn't always easy. Especially now he's older, Leonard feels a massive knot inside of him. Yet there is the outside world: school, his friends, Stella. When the news about a missing girl comes on TV, something within him cracks. Is this story related to his past? With help from Stella and an unexpected mysterious presence, Leonard pushes himself beyond that darkness, ready to finally move on. For he discovers he is not, nor was he ever, alone.

■ THEMES

- ADOLESCENCE
- COMING OF AGE
- FOUND FAMILY
- GRIEF
- LOVE





MONSTER SISTERS - SERIES

By Fabrizio di Baldo



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

**Happy eating...
er, happy reading!**

■ BOOK #1 – THE MYTHOLOGICAL THIEF

Scylla and Chary (short for Charybdis) might seem like ordinary sisters, but they are hiding a big secret. Scylla can unleash up to five heads from her neck. Chary can open her mouth and swallow everything around her. They swore never to use their magical powers, but mysterious thefts occur and they cannot resist stepping in. It will cause a lot of trouble... and be a lot of fun!

■ BOOK #2 – THE SECRET OF THE VOLCANO

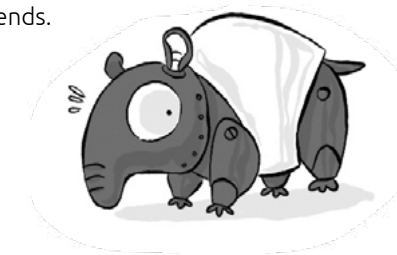
A brand-new case for Scylla and Chary is about to begin. Why does the volcano keep spewing smoke and lava into the sky above their little village? The only solution is to climb the mountain and investigate with the help of their pesky little cousin Hermes and all of Scylla's heads.

■ BOOK #3 – TSUNAMI MUM

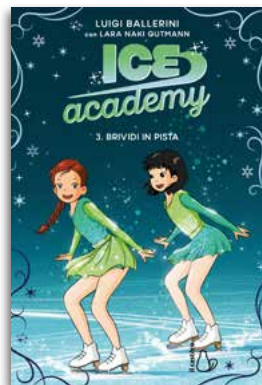
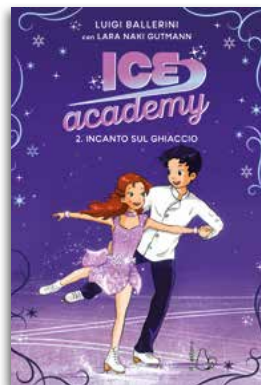
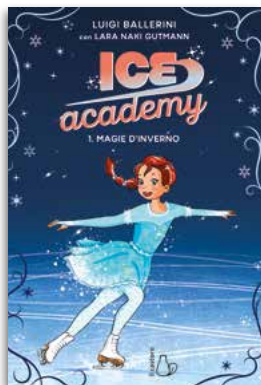
A mysterious character is ploughing the seabed to find Scylla and Chary and kidnap them! Tsunami Mom is on her way, with her travelling show worthy of a great underwater circus. Scylla and Chary will have to face a BIG underwater challenge if they want to save themselves and their friends.

■ THEMES

- SISTERS
- POWERS
- MYTH
- THIEVES
- MYSTERY
- FUN



■ SERIES



HARDCOVER
PAGES: 96
B/W ILLUSTRATIONS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 8+

ICE ACADEMY - SERIES

By Luigi Ballerini with Lara Naki Gutmann | Illustrations by Caterina Giorgi

For children who love ice skating... and dreaming big!

THEMES

- ICE SKATING
- SPORT
- CHALLENGES
- DREAMS
- FRIENDSHIP
- PASSION
- WINTER OLYMPICS

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- GERMANY

BOOK #1 - WINTER MAGIC

Daisy lives for ice skating, from spins and jumps to all the thrilling challenges the rink brings. With the spring showcase coming up, she feels ready, except for one nagging thought: what if she messes up just when it matters most? But she's not alone. With her coach, her teammates, and Kevin cheering her on, Daisy knows this: every skater stumbles, but what matters most is having the courage to get back up.

BOOK #2 - ICE DREAM

Daisy is beside herself: the Ice Academy is heading to a major national event! Students will perform in pairs, and Daisy dreams of skating with Kevin. But the coach will make the final call. As rivalries heat up, Daisy must navigate the challenges of friendship and competition.

BOOK #3 - SKATES AND CHILLS

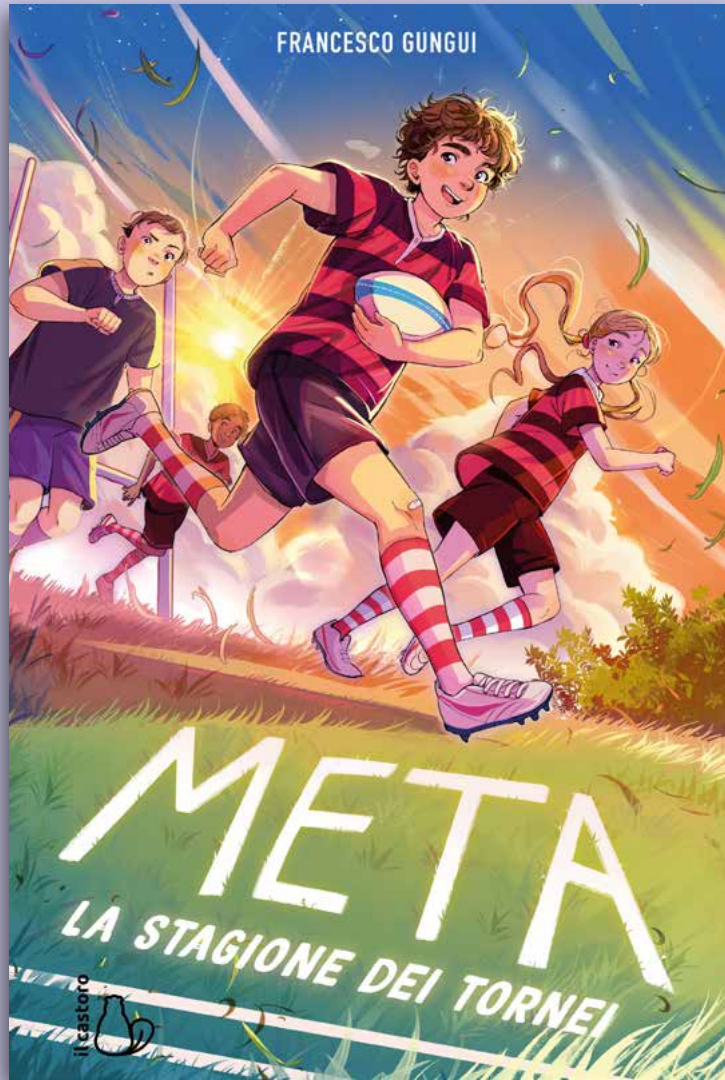
Something very strange is happening at the Ice Academy. Lights on at night, a pair of bizarre black skates never seen before, a trunk that seems connected to all the mysteries... Could there be a ghost? Daisy and her friends know there's only one thing to do: investigate!

The book includes expert tips from a champion and a glossary of ice-skating terms.



TRY - SERIES

By Francesco Gungui



HARDCOVER
PAGES: 176
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 10+

Even a wall can pass you a round ball. Only a friend can pass you an oval one.

■ BOOK #1 – A RUGBY STORY

Eleven-year-old Thomas is a soccer player and tends to be a little too aggressive – both on and off the pitch. As a result, he’s kicked off the team. Skeptical, Thomas takes the advice to try rugby, thinking it might be a good way to blow off steam. With his new team, made up of both boys and girls, he discovers a whole new world: a world of scrums, friends and third halves. A world where you might score a try, but what matters most is helping your teammate succeed.

■ BOOK #2 – THE TOURNAMENTS

The home tournament has just ended, and Thomas and his teammates are celebrating a hard-fought victory. On the sidelines, however, the girls stand apart. Next year, there won’t be enough of them to form a team—Thomas and his friends can’t surely let it happen!

■ THEMES

- RUGBY
- FEELINGS
- FRIENDSHIP
- RULES
- VICTORY
- LOSS
- BRAVERY
- FEARS
- CHALLENGES

A series about sport and friendship. And how they can make even the worst days better.



HARDCOVER WITH JACKET
PAGES: 272
FORMAT: 14X21cm
AGE: 11+

POST TENEBRAS - SERIES

By Valentina Federici

**A brilliant and ironic girl.
A compelling story set between Victorian
houses, dangerous mysteries and dragons.**

THEMES

- WITCHES
- POUNDING HEART
- IMAGINATION
- MAGIC
- MYSTERY
- INVESTIGATIONS
- LOVE

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- USA (OFFER)

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BOOK ON A TREE

BOOK #1 - DEATH TO THE WITCH

Switzerland, late 1800s. The city of Geneva is in chaos. Dragons have appeared in the lake, a deadly epidemic is spreading rapidly, and witches are being blamed for every bad thing that is happening. Mimì is a seventeen-year-old girl who is known for her unique, mismatched eyes. She is determined to save her sister, who has been imprisoned for being a witch. John, a young lawyer, offers to help, and together they find themselves caught up in a web of dark conspiracies, dangerous secrets, and unexpected feelings.

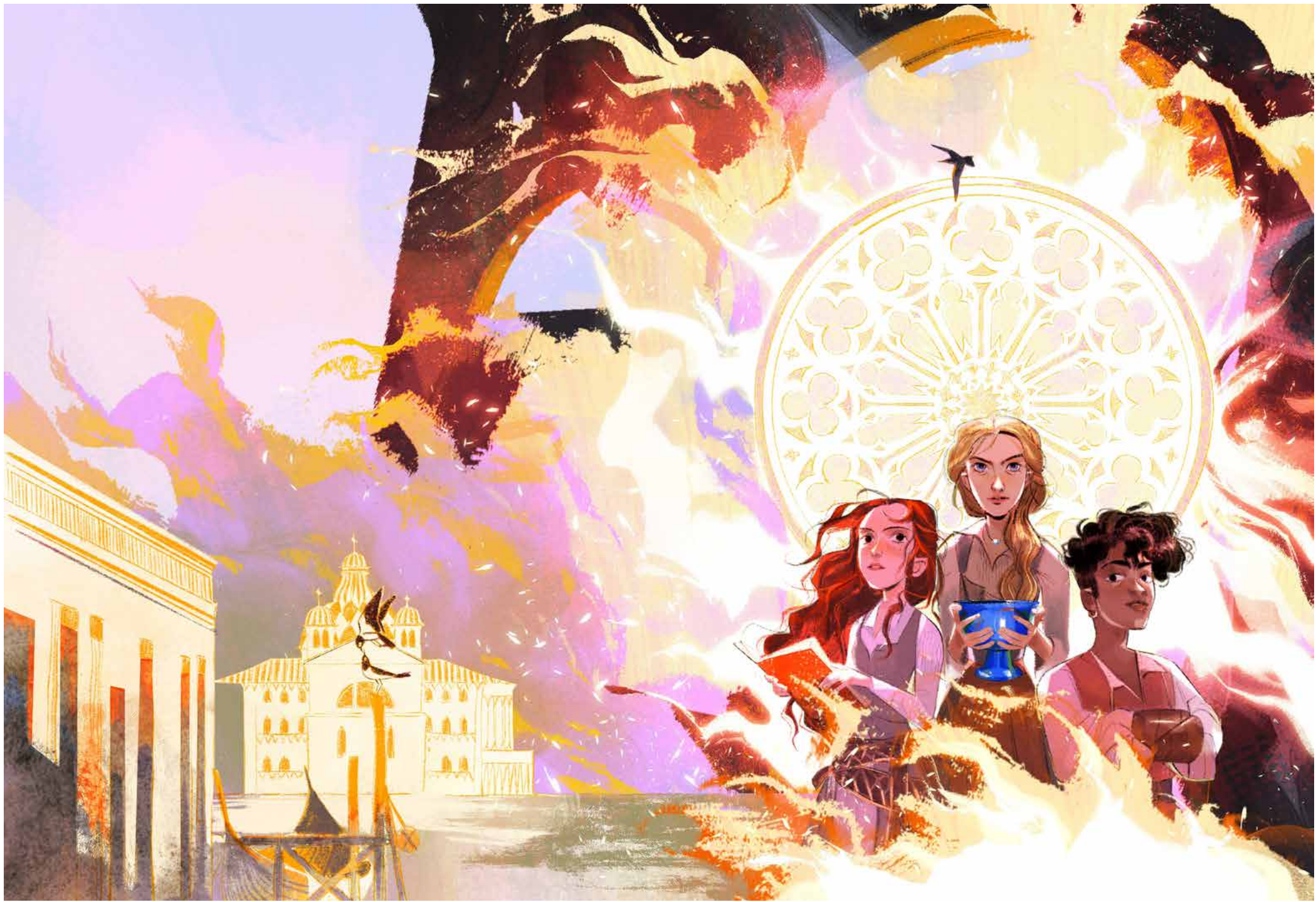
BOOK #2 - WITCHES DO NOT EXIST

Mimì and John work together as investigators in Geneva, sharing an undeniable chemistry they both try to hide. While they are still looking into the Post Tenebras case, their main suspect disappears. Things get more complicated when John's mother insists he'd be the perfect husband for Mimì's sister, Lèa, leaving Mimì torn between her own feelings and what's best for her sister.

■
SERIES
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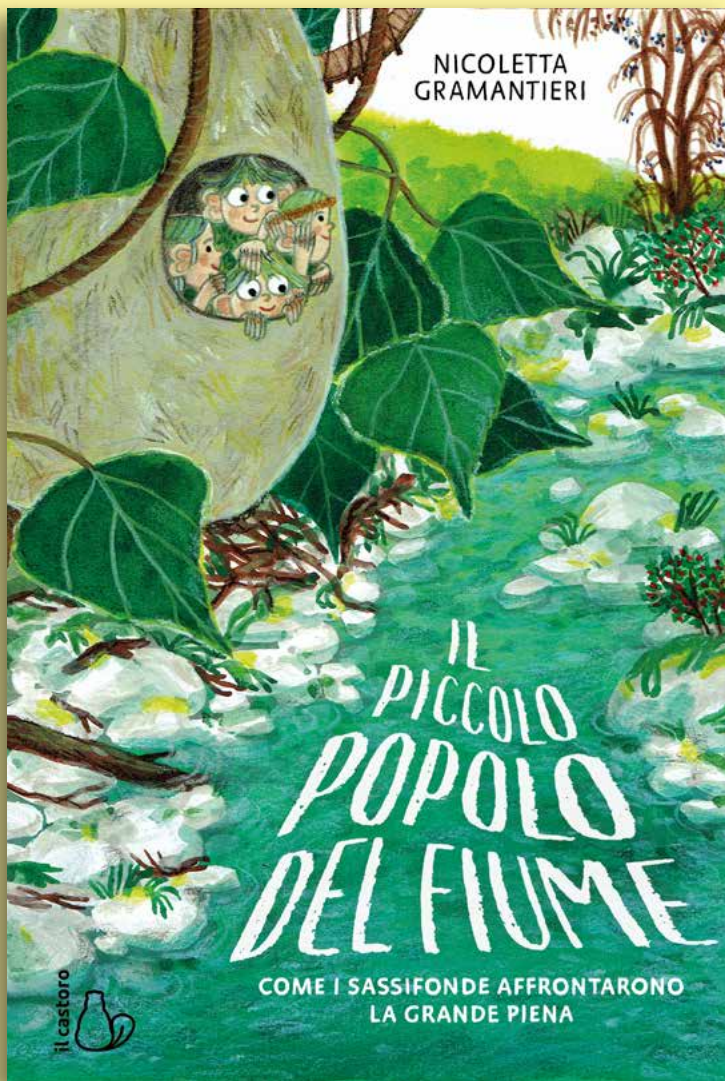
**Perfect for fans of *Enola Holmes*
and of shy lovers.**





PEBBLEHEARTS - THE TINY PEOPLE OF THE RIVER

By Nicoletta Gramantieri | Illustrations by Irene Penazzi



**Grab your raft and enjoy the Pebblehearts people!
You won't regret it!**

HARDCOVER
PAGES: 168
B/W ILLUSTRATIONS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 9+



■ THEMES

- LITTLE CREATURES
- RIVER AND STONES
- FRIENDSHIP
- NATURE
- COMMUNITY
- ADVENTURE

Four seasons of incredible adventures, heartfelt thoughts, and cozy hugs.



■ The *Pebblehearts* are tiny people who live near a river. They are about six centimeters tall, have webbed feet, big knees, long hands with hairy knuckles, large eyes, upturned noses, round ears that stick out a little, and blond hair with shades of “greenish slime.” Embark on a one-year journey in the life of the *Pebblehearts*.

**A friendship as clear and pure
as a shard of glass.**

HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 176
FORMAT: 14X21cm
AGE: 11+

■ THEMES

- VENICE
- GLASSWORKS
- FREEDOM
- POWER
- FRIENDSHIP

**Inspired by the true story
of Maria Barovier, the first
female master glassmaker
in a men's world.**

■ Venice, Renaissance. Maria Barovier's biggest dream is working with glass in her family's furnace: she is just a girl, but she knows she has great talent; Kim wants freedom, even though his master is a powerful and dangerous man; Lucy loves to read and dreams of escaping her role as a servant. A great adventure will bring their destinies together and will make them discover the loyalty of friendship, the enchantment of love, and the joy of choosing your own path, no matter what.

GLASS AND FIRE

By Chiara Lorenzoni



THE SHADOW CODE

By Giorgio Costa



A thrilling story of courage, loyalty, and cleverness in the shadow of revolution.

HARDCOVER
WITH JACKET
PAGES: 208
FORMAT: 14X21cm
AGE: 11+

■ THEMES

- MYSTERY
- SECRET CODE
- TRAITORS
- REVOLUTION
- SECRET SOCIETY

A spy story, set in accurate historical reconstruction.

■ Milan, 1821. Victor and Charles attend a special school, where the brightest students help those in difficulty, and also where the rich child of a noble family (Victor) is tutored by the orphan chimney sweep (Charles). One day, they accidentally witness the murder of one of their teachers. A mysterious note found in the victim's hand will soon thrust them into a dangerous world of secret societies and political intrigue. With the help of the daring Eleonora, Victor and Charles navigate hidden tunnels, decode cryptic clues, and uncover a deadly traitor. Racing against time and the police, the trio will risk everything to protect an insurrection.

**A true story that speaks
to readers of all ages.**

HARDCOVER WITH JACKET
PAGES: 192
FORMAT: 14X21cm
AGE: 12+

■ THEMES

- TRUE STORY
- LIFE CHOICES
- MAFIA AND COLLUSION
- COURAGE
- TESTIMONY

**The atrocity of the Mafia phenomenon
told through the eyes of a boy, who
grows up a stone's throw away from evil.**

With a preface by Roberto Saviano.

■ May 23rd, 1992. A boy. A camera. A blast. Antonio Vassallo is young, but he is the first to arrive at the scene of the Capaci bombing. He is the one taking the first pictures of Judge Giovanni Falcone. This book tells his story, a true story. Growing up in a town where everyone claimed "*the mafia doesn't exist*", Antonio could have gone down the wrong path – but he chose courage, civic engagement, and legality, becoming a beacon of hope for his community.

THROUGH HIS EYES

By Fabrizio Silei with Antonio Vassallo





MIDDLE AGES FROM A TO Z

By Manlio Castagna | Illustrations by Alice Guidi



Discover mysteries and curiosities,
through pages illustrated like
a medieval manuscript.

HARDCOVER
PAGES: 256
FULL COLOUR
FORMAT: 15,7X23cm
AGE: 11+



THEMES

- MIDDLE AGES
- BLOODY STORIES
- FUN FACTS
- HISTORY
- NON FICTION
- CREEPY BUT TRUE



An A-to-Z journey through one
of history's most fascinating
and enigmatic eras, told
by bestselling author
Manlio Castagna.

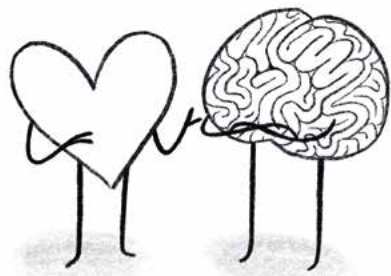
Do you know the true story behind Assassin's Creed? And that cats were once used to predict the weather? Or that babies were hung from the ceiling in floating cradles? From the origins of soccer to the bloodstained practices of medieval barbers, and the most bizarre professions ever conceived by humankind, this book reveals the Middle Ages as you've never read it before: gripping, ironic, surprising—and with just the right shiver of fear to keep readers glued to the page.

Sadness, anxiety, anger, frustration: growing up is a storm you don't have to face alone.

FLEXICOVER
PAGES: 168
B/W ILLUSTRATIONS
FORMAT: 14X20.5cm
AGE: 10+

THEMES

- EMOTIONS
- REASON
- HEART
- MIND
- ADOLESCENCE
- DIALOGUE
- FEELINGS

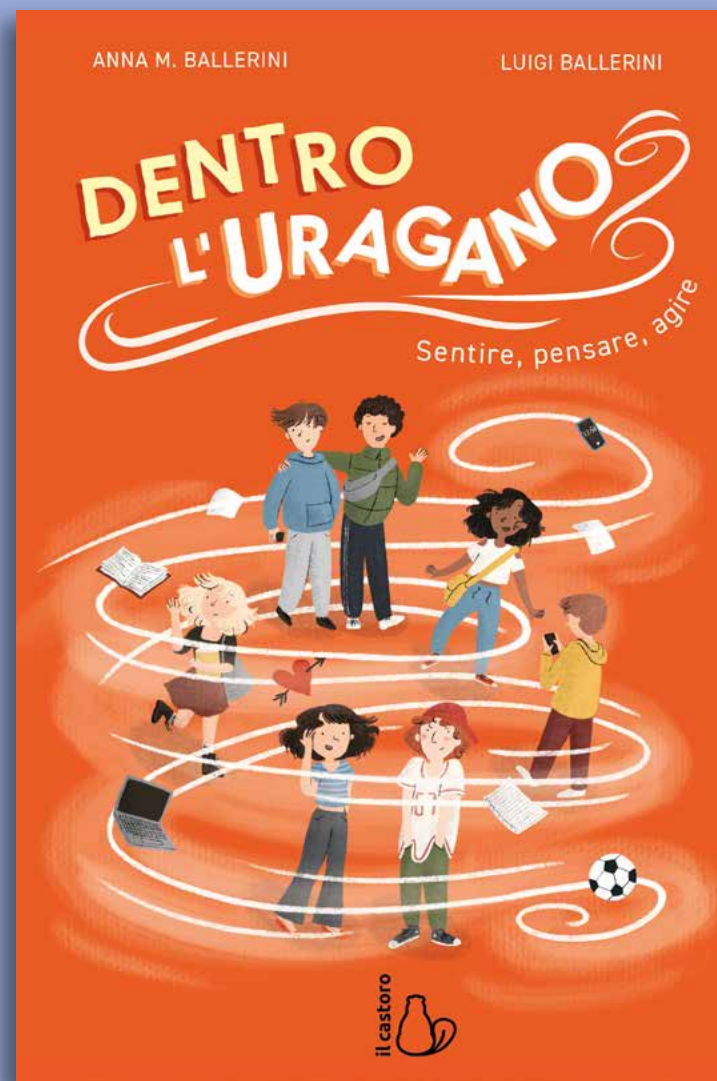


**Think, feel, be whole:
a practical guide
to embrace your
complete self.**

■ Debbie feels ready for her math test, but the moment the teacher walks in, her mouth feels dry, her stomach feels empty, and she feels like she might faint. Louis has made up his mind: he's going to confess his feelings to Betty. So why, when the moment finally comes, does he wish their date at the park would be canceled? This book guides young readers through the exploration of their emotions with "everyday life scenarios" they can relate to. Psychologists Anna M. Ballerini and Luigi Ballerini explain what's happening inside us: heart and mind, reason and instinct aren't in conflict – they work together to tell the story of who we truly are.

INSIDE THE STORM. FEEL, THINK, ACT

By Anna M. Ballerini and Luigi Ballerini | Illustrations by Ilaria Perversi

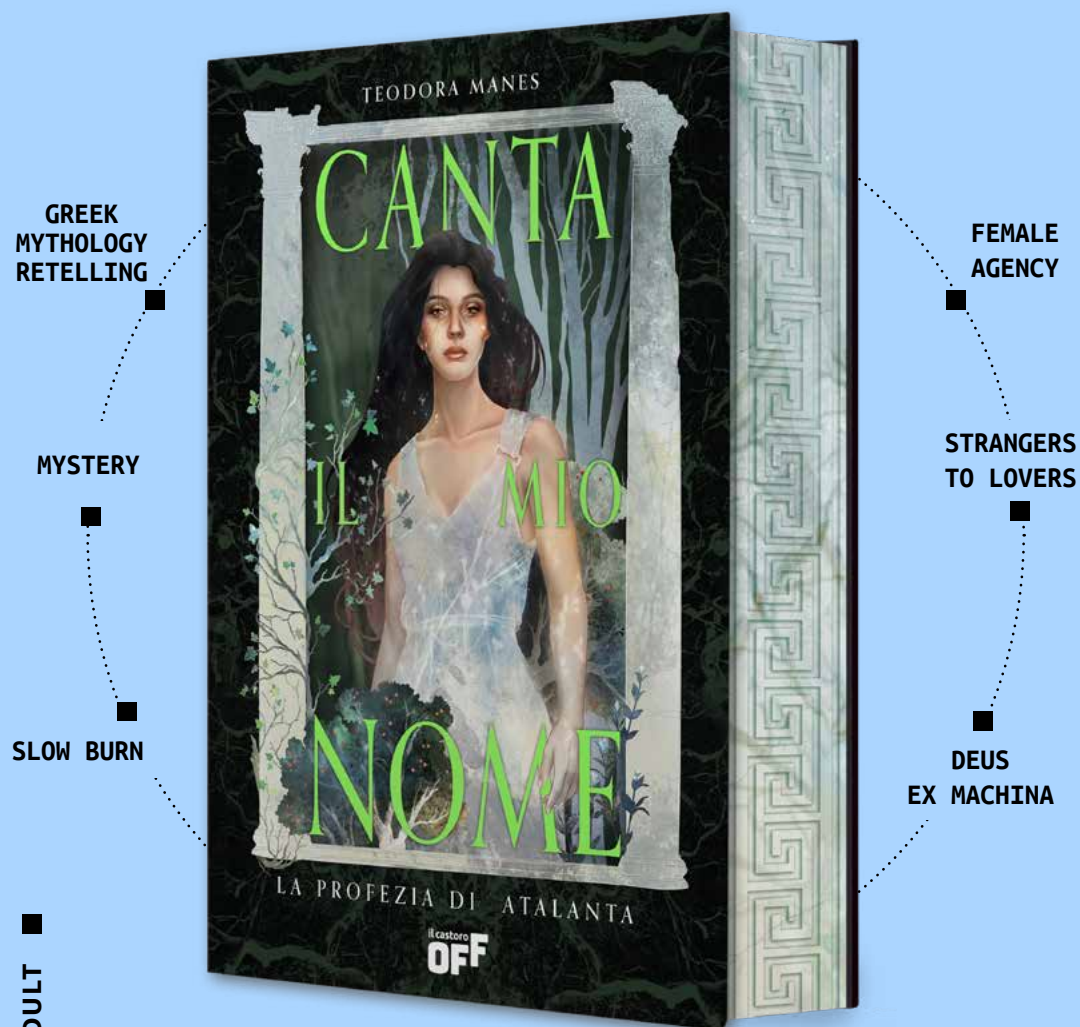




NEW ADULT (16+)

ATALANTA. SING MY NAME

By Teodora Manes



NEW ADULT

Gods, nature, love: an engaging and sensual retelling about a woman born to be free.

HARDCOVER WITH JACKET
COLOURED EDGE
PAGES: 468
FORMAT: 15.8X23cm
AGE: NEW ADULT

“My name says what I am: Atalanta, an Achaean princess, a daughter born of the amber of Arcadia. And my name tells you what I am not: a woman like all the others.”

Atalanta is the princess of Tegea, a small settlement in ancient Arcadia. Her father, Iasus, raised her as a boy, and she became the protégée of the goddess Artemis, an eternal child who hates men. Atalanta is torn between the future her father has planned for her, a marriage of convenience, and her wild life in the woods with the passion she discovers with Melanion. Can love blossom, even against the will of the gods?

NEW ADULT

A rebellious woman must face threats far greater than a deadly curse.

HARDCOVER WITH JACKET
COLOURED EDGE
PAGES: 384
FORMAT: 15,8X23 CM
AGE: NEW ADULT

**Witches, love, and revolution:
Bridgerton meets *The Once and Future Witches*.**

■ Milan, 1820. The noblewoman Tosca is supposed to get married to police commissioner Jacopo Pallavicino, but an accidental curse makes her bind to the revolutionary Lisander. The only way to break it? Gather a small coven of improvised witches and perform a dark, dangerous ritual. Amid glittering social events, secret rendezvous, and a growing, forbidden attraction, Tosca ventures down a path no respectable young lady should ever follow – a path more seductive than she has ever imagined. Yet for a woman determined to defy convention, the greatest dangers may not come from magic alone.

NEW ADULT

HANDBOOK OF DARK MAGIC FOR YOUNG BRIDES

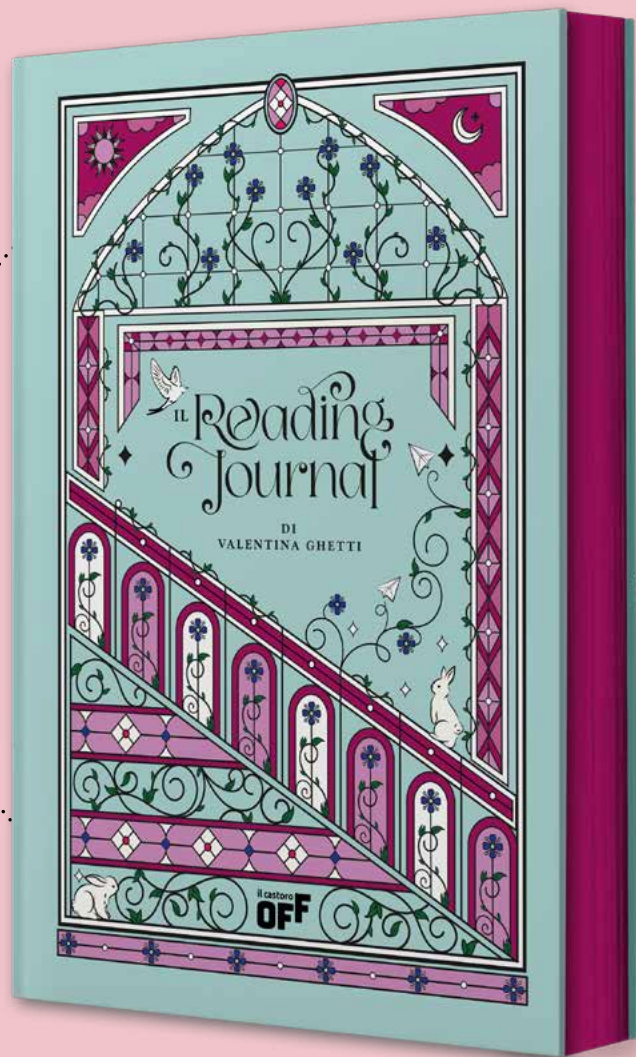
By Sara Simoni



NEW ADULT

READING JOURNAL

By Valentina Ghetti | Illustrations by Giulia Rosa



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READING
CHALLENGES

DOUBLE-PAGE
ILLUSTRATIONS

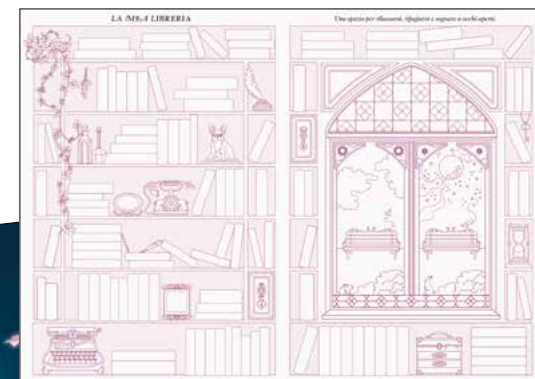
RATING NOTES

WRITING
EXERCISES

NEW ADULT

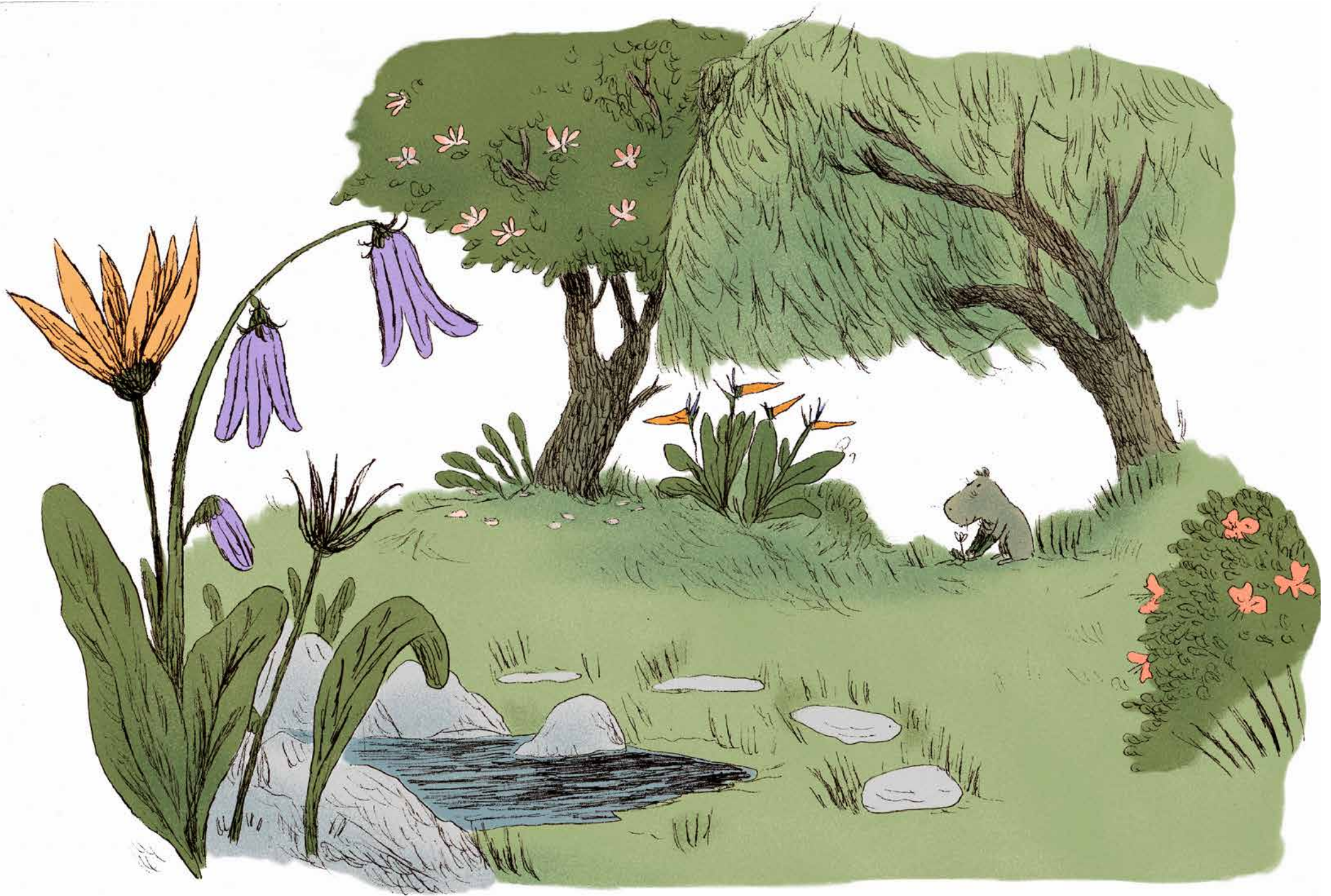
The perfect companion
for avid readers and
lovers of journaling.

HARDCOVER WITH METALLIC FOIL
COLOURED EDGE
PAGES: 176
FORMAT: 14.8X21 CM
AGE: NEW ADULT

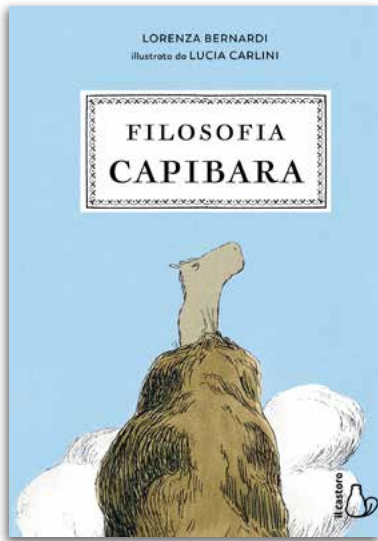


■ If there's one thing readers love almost as much as reading (and collecting) books, it's keeping track of them. A Reading Journal is an essential companion for every book lover – a place to jot down thoughts, trace reading journeys, and preserve everything a book leaves behind once the final page is turned. Giulia Rosa's dreamy illustrations, paired with a romantic-contemporary aesthetic of clean, elegant lines and suspended atmospheres, turns this journal into an object to treasure.

NEW ADULT



**Be chill,
be a Capybara!**



HARDCOVER
PAGES: 128
FULL COLOUR
FORMAT: 13,5X18,5cm
AGE: 0-99

■ **THEMES**

- CAPYBARA
- CHILL ATTITUDE
- GRATITUDE
- DE-STRESSED LIFE

■ **RIGHTS SOLD IN:**

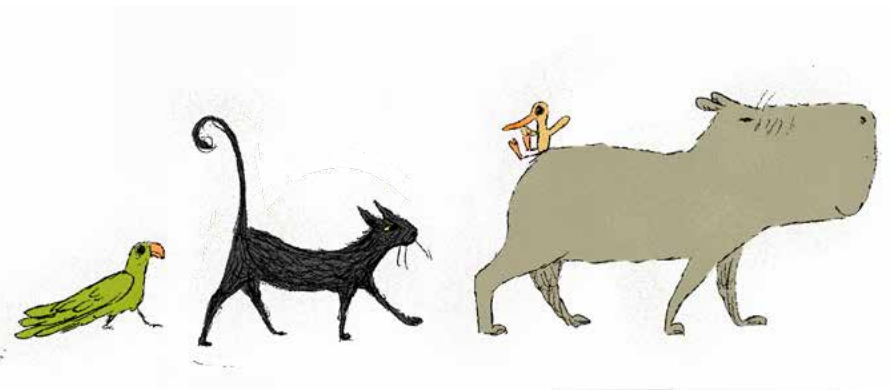
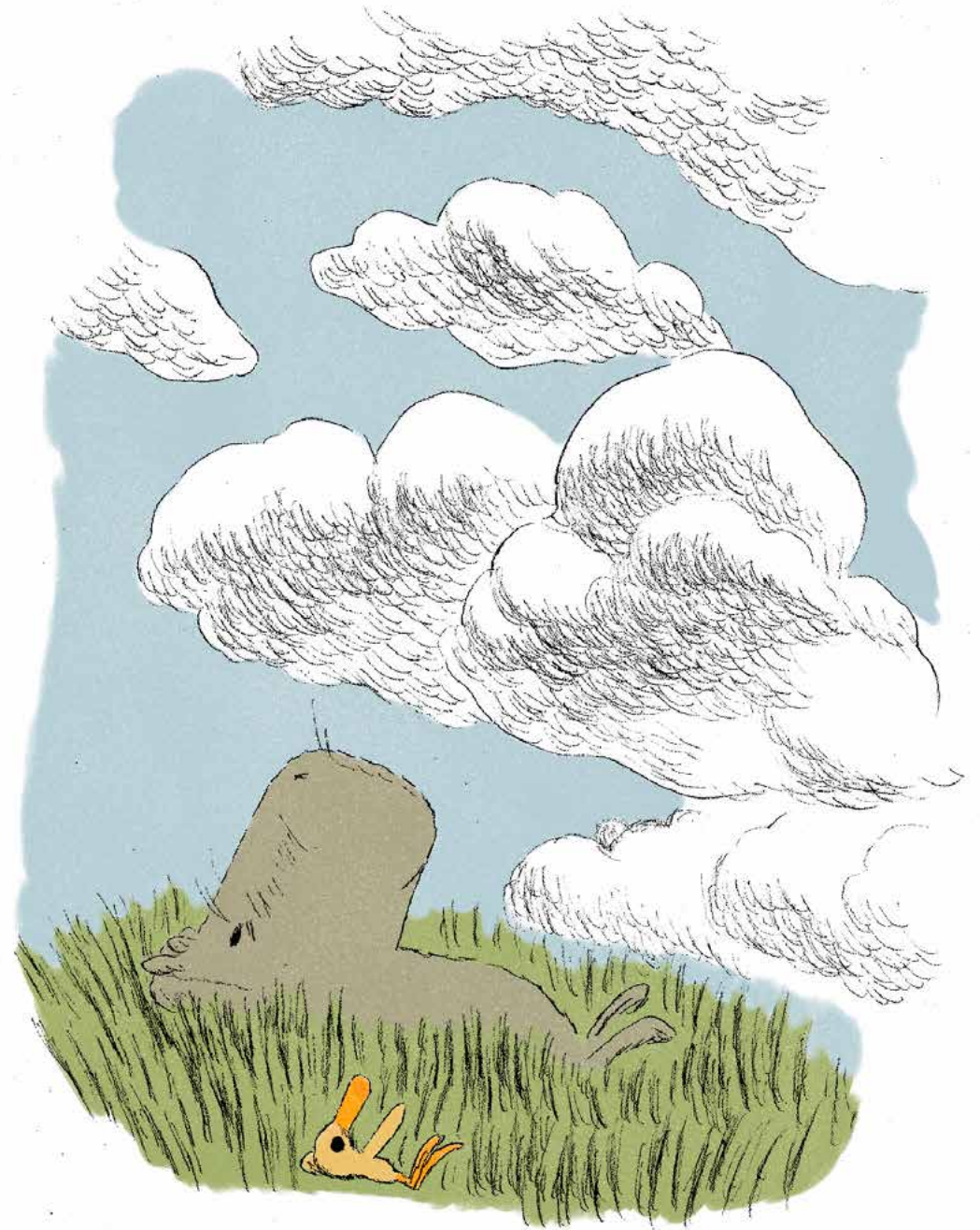
- ENGLISH (WORLD)
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- POLAND
- GREECE (PREMPT)
- KOREA
- SIMPLIFIED CHINESE

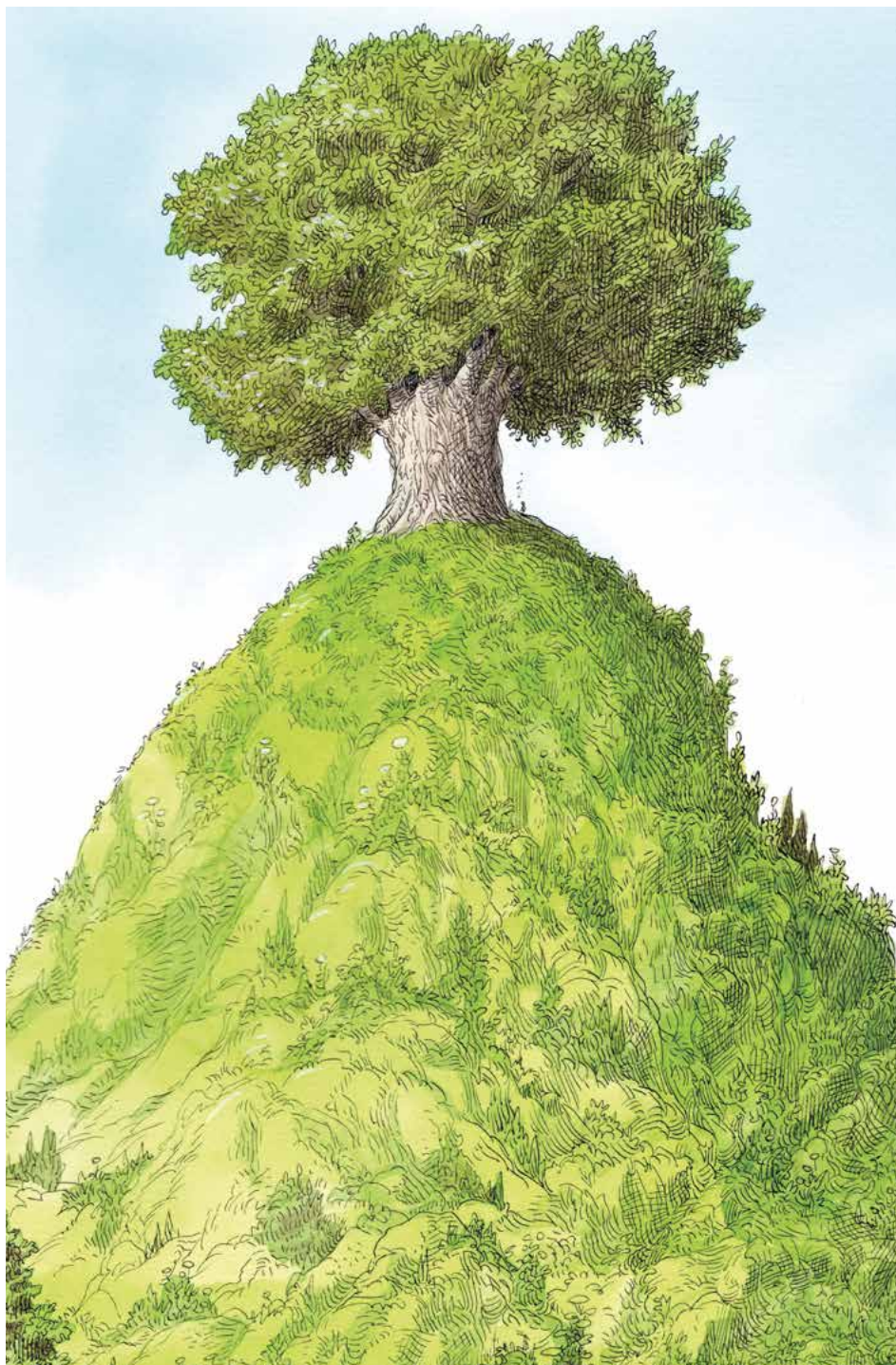
■ What do you do when life feels too hectic? Meet Capy, a calm and friendly animal who truly knows how to enjoy the moment. Capybaras are the perfect example of a relaxed, "chill" attitude - easygoing, a little indulgent, sociable, and always ready to help. Join Capy as he leads you to a quiet waterfall, maybe with something to drink, or out into nature to breathe deeply and find peace. Page by page, he invites you to slow down and discover the simple joys around you, with a smile.

Second title coming soon!

THE CAPIBARA PHILOSOPHY

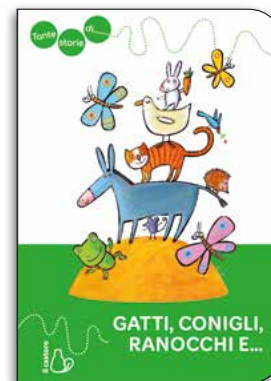
By Lorenza Bernardi | Illustrations by Lucia Carlini



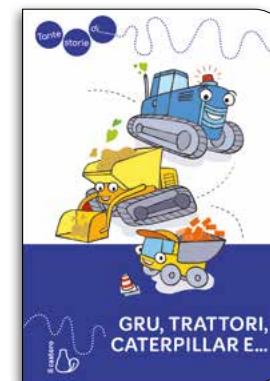


SO MANY STORIES OF... SERIES

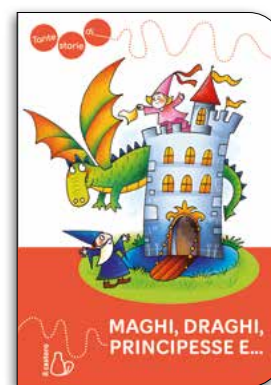
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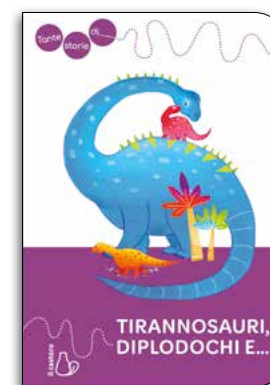
**CATS, RABBITS,
FROGS AND...**
by G. Quarzo
ill. by G. Francella



**CRANES, TRACTORS,
CATERPILLARS, AND...**
by L. Mattia
ill. by N. Cuneo



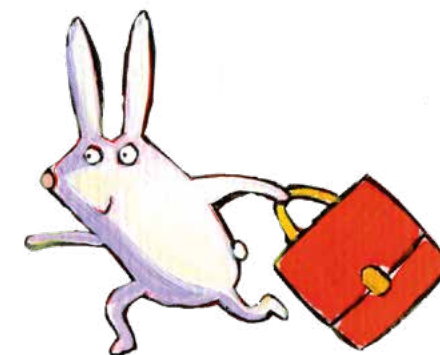
**WIZARDS, DRAGONS,
PRINCESSES, AND...**
by G. Caviezel
ill. by F. Sillani



**TYRANNOSAURS
DIPLODOCUS AND...**
by J. Carioli
ill. by L.Rigo

BOARD BOOKS
PAGES: 48
FULL COLOUR
FORMAT: 18X26cm
AGE: 0+

■ Each book contains *so many* short or very short stories dedicated to characters that kids love at most. Simple and funny stories for the pleasure of reading aloud with pictures that follow the text step by step.



PICTURE BOOKS



TOOTHBRUSH OR TEDDY BEAR?
by M. Floridi
ill. by C. Ficarelli

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm



WHAT IS A BOOK?
by L. Stipari
ill. by E. Codutti

4+ | 32pp | 23X30cm
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English (World), Greece,
Turkey (deal), Azerbaijan



THE DRAGON TREE
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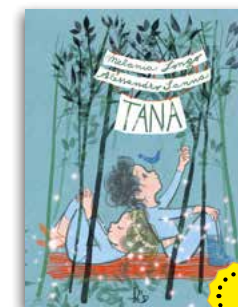
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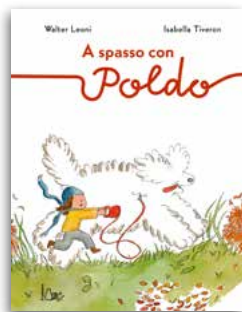
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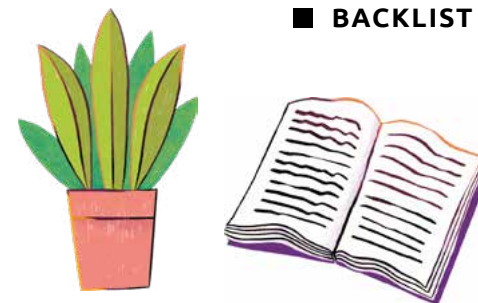
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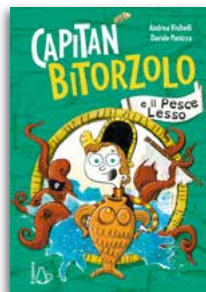
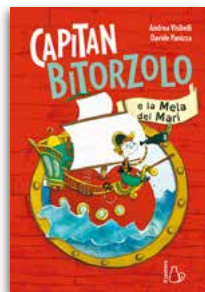


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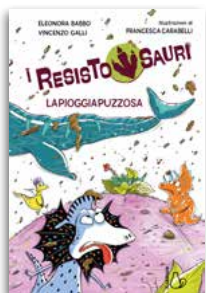
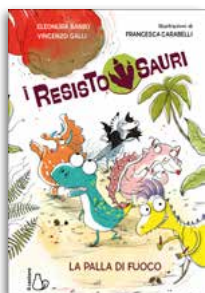


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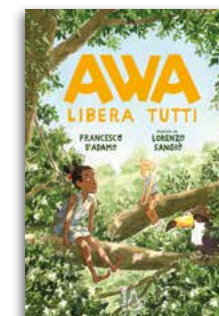
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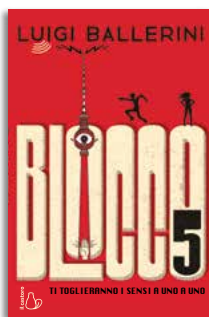
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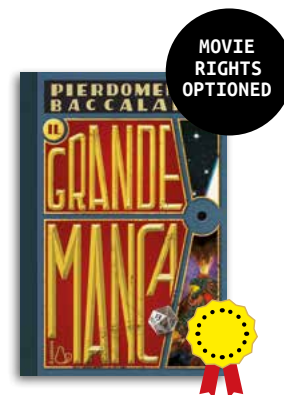
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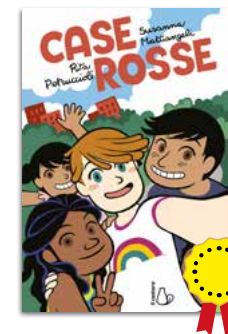
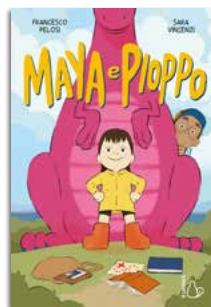
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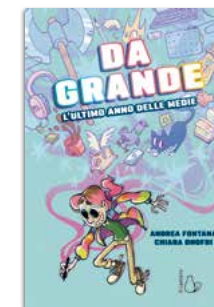
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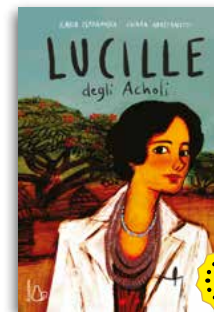
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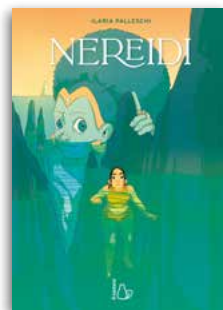
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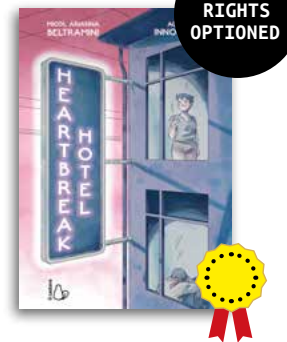
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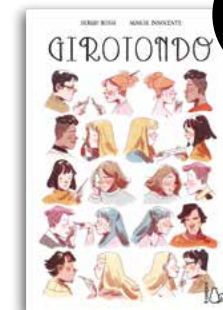
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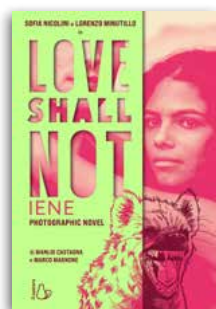
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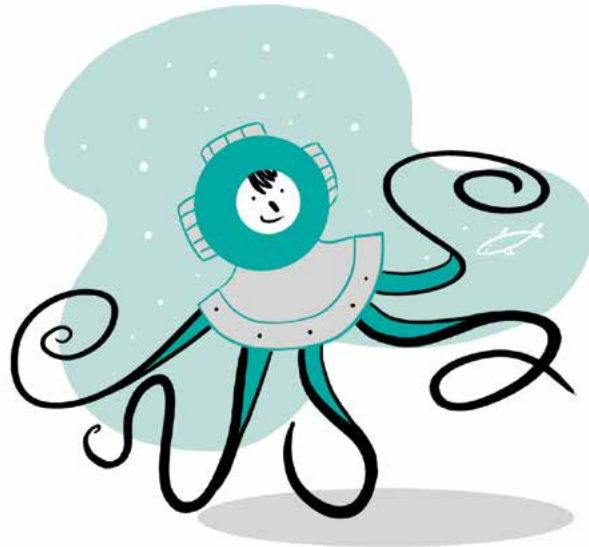
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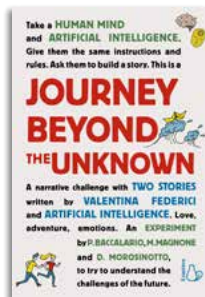
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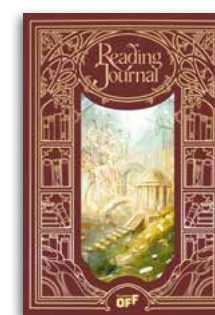
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