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# STEVE McCURRY

## COMMON THREADS

2025



October 2025

## COMMON THREADS

### Photography, Poetry, Prose

#### Steve McCurry

A creative project that blends prose, poetry, and photography to capture the essence of universal human activities. Through a series of evocative vignettes, we will explore daily routines, celebrations, work, and moments of reflection across different cultures.

The prose by some of the most celebrated authors will serve as a narrative thread, offering insight into the context of each activity, grounding it in its specific cultural setting while emphasizing its universal resonance.

Incorporating poetry will lend a lyrical dimension to the project, giving voice to the emotions beneath these activities. Short, powerful verses will weave through the visual and written narrative, distilling complex experiences into their most potent expressions.

The poetry will transcend language and culture, relying on the simplicity of human emotions—joy, struggle, hope, and love. Through carefully chosen words, the poetry will evoke the inner worlds of the subjects, inviting readers to feel the weight of a farmer's hands or the lightness of laughter shared at a family gathering.

Photography completes the project, capturing intimate moments that words cannot fully describe. Steve McCurry has a vast archive of pictures from around the world shot over the past four decades, which depict humankind's activities at their most elemental and universal. Each photograph will frame the subjects in their natural environments, celebrating both the individuality and universality of their experiences. By focusing on details—the way light falls on a weathered face, or the movement of hands at work—we will convey the beauty and dignity in everyday life. This multimedia approach will create a powerful, immersive experience, drawing audiences into the shared human journey through the lens of different cultures.

**Steve McCurry** has been one of the most iconic figures in contemporary photography for more than three decades. His body of work spans conflicts, vanishing cultures, ancient traditions and contemporary culture alike - yet always retains the human element that made his celebrated image of the Afghan Girl such a powerful image.

McCurry has been recognized with some of the most prestigious awards including the Robert Capa Gold Medal, National Press Photographers Award, and an unprecedented four first prize awards from the World Press Photo contest amongst dozens of others.



Steve McCurry is one of the most iconic figures in contemporary photography. American Magnum and National Geographic photographer Steve McCurry is known for his compelling and evocative images that capture the human experience and the spirit of place; his 1984 portrait of Sharbat Gula, the Afghan Girl, is one of the world's most recognizable photographs.

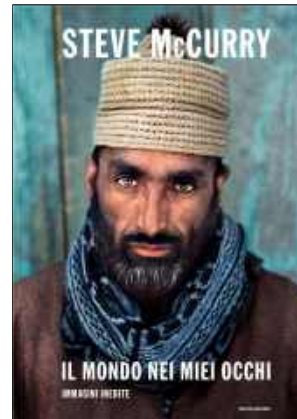
«THE TIMES»  
PHOTOGRAPHY BOOK OF  
THE YEAR 2018



MONDADORI  
516 pages  
May 2024

**STEVE McCURRY.  
A LIFE IN  
PICTURES**

The first official biography of Steve McCurry compiled by his sister Bonnie McCurry, who has always had a very close and unique relationship with her brother, both personal and professional. The volume, collects 600 images of the photographer, over 200 of which are unpublished, and a series of documents and memorabilia of the adventurous journeys Steve has embarked upon.



MONDADORI  
208 pages  
Oct 2020

**IN SEARCH OF  
ELSEWHERE**

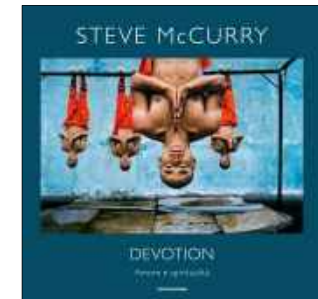
A unique collection of 100 new photographic icons by Steve McCurry never published before and covering over 40 years of his career. A complementary volume to appraise the world and human beings through 100 memorable images. McCurry's photography has always been able to narrate the disarrays and the hopes of human beings and this volume represents his definitive contribution to the history of world photography.



MONDADORI  
208 pages  
Oct 2021

**PORTRAITS OF  
INNOCENCE**

This volume is completely dedicated to childhood and children: the book will have more than 150 photographs – from his well known classics to never before published ones – taken in every corner of the globe and portraying children in scenes of every day life. A tribute to an extraordinary period of life, a gallery of surprising portraits that tell about childhood from different perspectives.



MONDADORI  
200 pages  
Oct 2023

**DEVOTION**

This powerful collection of spiritually inflected images is gleaned from the entirety of McCurry's forty-year career traveling to every corner of the globe. Reproduced in stunning color, these photographs honor the universal desire to create meaning in the midst of everyday life and offer viewers an opportunity to connect with their own spirituality — whatever form that takes.

# FABRIZIO FERRI

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FOTOGRAFIA DI UNA VITA

Rizzoli

MONDADORI  
ELECTA

360 pages  
April 2025

Snapshots of life, extraordinary encounters, genuine emotions: Fabrizio Ferri tells his story through unforgettable words and images.

## SO FAR Photographs of a Lifetime Fabrizio Ferri

Fabrizio Ferri retraces what photography has meant in his life, offering us snapshots of a passionate journey, full of work experiences but also with special encounters, ever-new experiences, cherished places, and deep humanity. A young Fabrizio takes the reader by the hand, guiding them through the events that showcase the boldness of someone who looks to the future with courage and writes it, day by day, with a smile, determination, and authenticity. In this book, brimming with rhythm and emotion, photographs from Ferri's personal archive could not be left out, along with some of the most iconic portraits he has captured: a young Isabella Rossellini in New York, Sting in Pantelleria, and stunning images of Monica Bellucci, Carla Bruni, and many other legendary figures, sophisticated yet, above all, profoundly real, just like the author's approach to life.

**Fabrizio Ferri** began his career in the 1970s as a political and cultural photojournalist. He later turned his focus to the world of fashion and quickly became one of the most sought-after photographers, working with leading fashion magazines such as «Vogue», «Marie Claire», «Elle», «Vanity Fair», and «GQ». Acclaimed internationally for his sophisticated yet pure vision, he has created numerous iconic portraits over the decades and has led major campaigns for the world's top luxury brands. A true polymath, Ferri is not only a photographer but also a director, composer, writer, entrepreneur, and philanthropist.

The intimate and sincere story of one of the greatest Italian photographers of all time.

**MONDADORI**  
ELECTA

224 pages  
June 2023

## WILD BEAUTY

### In search of the beauty of nature

#### Michele Bavassano

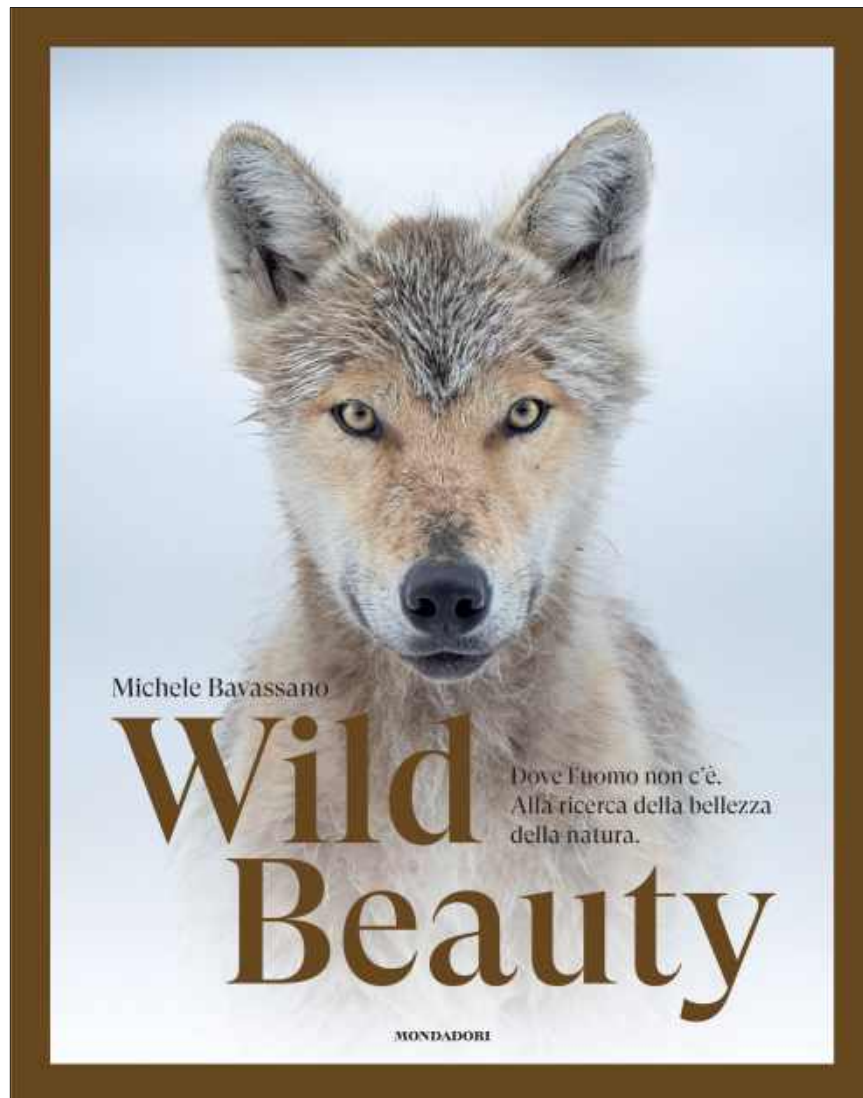
Michele Bavassano is one of the world's most highly regarded nature photographers and, despite his young age, his reportages have been published on the most important international magazines and newspapers.

His Instagram profile has over 900 thousand followers, with an engagement that exceeds the 10 percent.

In this book, Michele recounts his travels around the world in search of the beauty of nature. And he does so by alternating his travel journals with the most spectacular images taken in each corner of the planet.

A book to rediscover the beauty of nature and the harmony with the planet.

**Michele Bavassano** lives in Umbria and travels the world with his camera, seeking for the beauties of nature. He collaborates with major newspapers and organizes workshops in Italy and abroad.



*I don't really remember how it started. Maybe in the woods surrounding the small town in Umbria where I was born. Maybe because of the wonder that the animals communicated to me. I would look at them and understand that something was calling me. I felt that beyond the woods of my village, beyond those beautiful hills and streams, there was a whole world to explore, to know, to experience. There were places to see, experiences to tell, miles to cover. There were emotions, above all. Moments of deep contact with nature, of connecting with animals and that part of me that most identifies with them.*





***We can write a counter-history of art.  
A story of the vanquished, of artists whose  
ideas fueled and guided the future***

MONDADORI  
ELETTA

208 pages  
October 2024

## A COUNTER-HISTORY OF ART The triumph of the vanquished Flavio Caroli

The history of art has always been written by victors, that is the artists who had the opportunity to impose their own values and priorities. But, of course, the evolution of events and ideas was never exclusively determined by them, for in fact history was often fueled by the thinking of those who, at some point of their earthly life, were dismissed as "the vanquished".

Starting from this premise, through the recasting of milestones in the history of art, the author explores the artists, art centers, and patrons who, apparently defeated by dominant thought, are actually the "triumphant vanquished", for their ideas and works fueled and guided the evolution of their field.

Controversial, forgotten or underestimated artists: once again Flavio Caroli explores the shadow line that has always been the focus of his interests. Artists such as Lorenzo Lotto, Giuseppe Maria Crespi or Filippo de Pisis, misunderstood by their contemporaries or by art critics; art centers such as Renaissance Mantua or early-Nineteenth century Milan, obscured by "trendier" cities or by the ups and downs of patrons such as the Farnese. And shows how artists and works that were apparently defeated actually realized their vision and created ideas that would influence the future.

Flavio Caroli, a historian of modern and contemporary art, was born in Ravenna in 1945. After his studies he started an academic career that brought him to a chair in the History of Modern art, first at the University of Salerno, then in Florence and finally at the Polytechnic and IULM in Milan. He has focused his research on the introspective current of Western art, with numerous publications and exhibitions. He has collaborated with the cultural desk of several newspapers, including «Corriere della Sera» and «Sole 24 Ore». His books include: *L'anima e il volto* (1998), *Il volto e l'anima della natura* (2009), *Il volto dell'amore* (2011), *Il volto dell'Occidente* (2012), *Anime e volti. L'arte dalla psicologia alla psicoanalisi* (2014), *Il museo dei capricci. 200 quadri da rubare* (2016). In 2023, with Solferino, he published *Storia sentimentale dell'arte. Un'educazione alla bellezza*.



***Beauty will save the world, it's true, but we also must find a way to save beauty. And this we should safeguard the stories that we are***

**MONDADORI**  
ELECTA

224 pages  
November 2024

A personal atlas of beauty, from ancient to contemporary works of art, revealing unexpected juxtapositions and surprising parallels. To speak of art, photography, and cinema to a wider public.

## THE WORLD DOES NOT DESERVE THE END OF THE WORLD

Stories, art, and other wonders

**Baravelli Maria Vittoria**

What is it that truly captures our imagination in a work of art or its reproductions?

Beauty commands admiration, which makes it instantly recognizable, for at least once in our lives we have all felt compelled to stop and stare at something beautiful. The first and essential rule of beauty, impermeable to time and change, is that it must be gazed at.

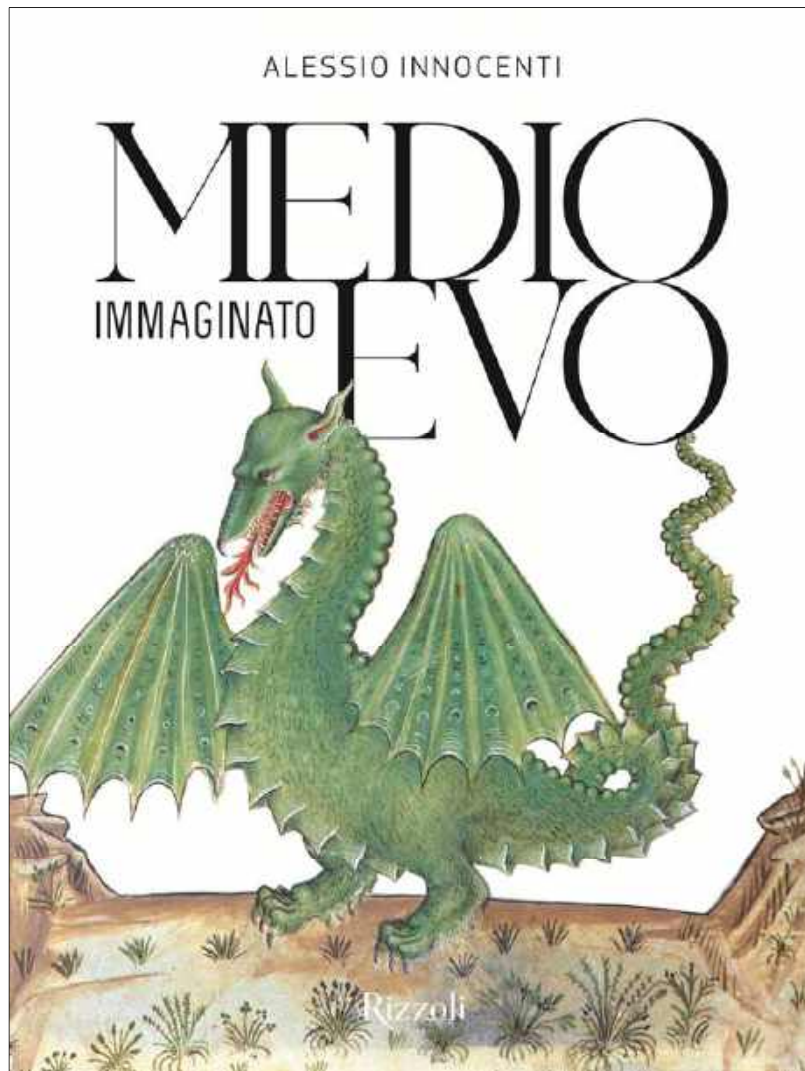
Umberto Eco said that reading a book or contemplating a work of art triggers a sort of "retrograde immortality", which allows the reader or observer to experience what was felt and seen by the author and artist. This little magic allows us to live in times before us, and even to long for them.

This debut book by Maria Vittoria Baravelli, an exceptionally young curator and scholar of art and photography, is a journey into beauty and the lives of works of art that have never stopped speaking to us.

Though an exemplar of the drive and reach of social media, which launched her and widened the sphere of her authoritative voice, Maria Vittoria Baravelli remains a staunch believer in the importance of experiencing art in the first person, of falling directly under the spell of timeless masterpieces that make museum irreplaceable treasure-troves.

Maria Vittoria Baravelli, born in Ravenna, is a curator of art and photography exhibitions, and a self-defined art sharer, employing social media to share art, photography, films, exhibitions and installations. A passionate and eclectic reader and omnivorous scholar of all artistic periods, though still in step with the times, she has the gift of bringing to the fore the correlation between apparently far-removed art works and features. She is a member of the board of the Art Museum in Ravenna and artistic director of Palazzo Velabro, a design hotel in Rome.





MONDADORI  
ELETA

224 pages  
March 2024

## IMAGINARY MIDDLE AGES

**Alessio Innocenti**

Centuries later, the Middle Ages still fascinate us and are a constant source of inspiration for art, literature, films and tv series, whether depicted as an age of darkness and decay or as a fantastical world inhabited by dragons, story-book figures, and riveting mysteries. All these «takes» on the medieval era have influenced and still influence our way of seeing this historical period.

In an article, Umberto Eco identified ten ways of imagining the Middle Ages, introducing a new dimension for an era that ceases to be simply historical to take on the contours of a fable, of the indefinite, of «Once upon a time»...

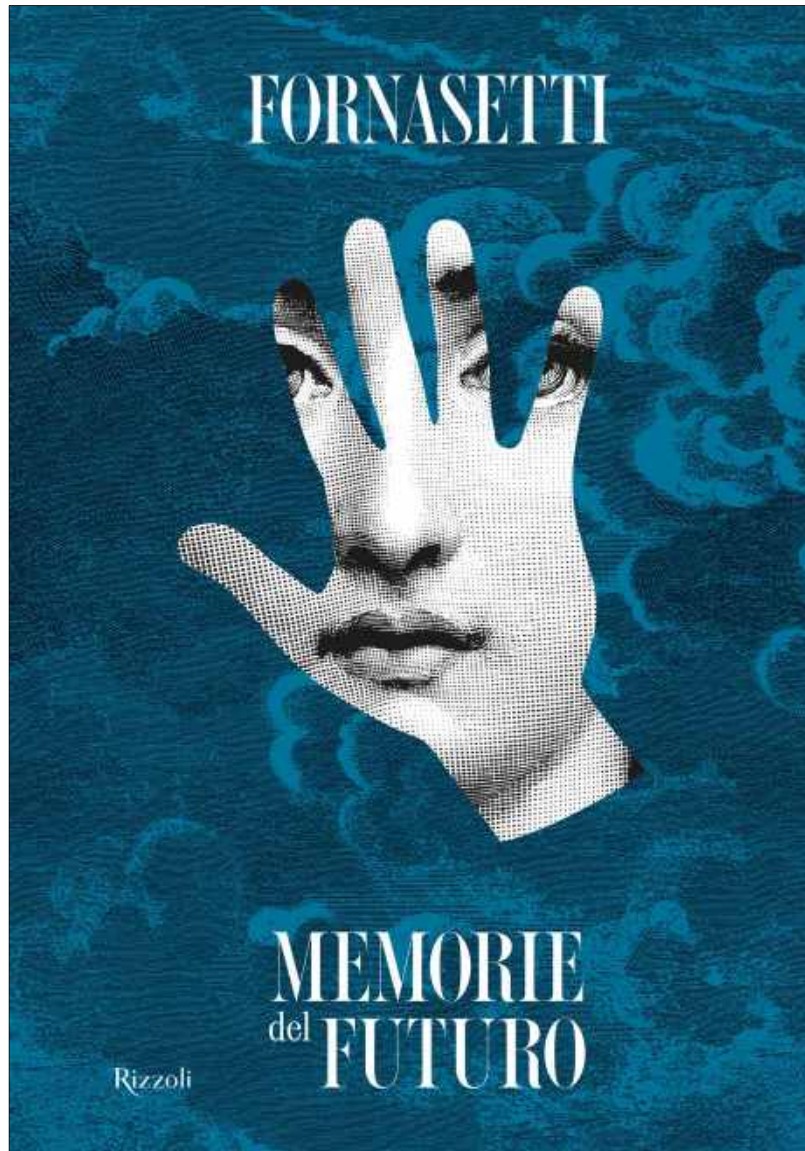
In the chapters of this book introduce us to this various «Middle Ages», plural, through the visual aids of our collective imagination; photographs, paintings, architecture, film stills.

Sorcerers and knights, monsters and skeletons, castles and cathedrals, fairies and princesses, religion, and superstition.

A journey through places, art works and icons of a historical era so often resembling a fairy-tale.

Alessio Innocenti majored in Medieval Archeology at the “La Sapienza” University in Rome. He has turned Internet channels, especially Instagram and TikTok, into vehicles for cultural communication, mainly focusing on the art, the history, and the archeology of the Middle Ages, the subject of his reels [#unminutodimedioevo](#).

***A journey through places, works of art, and images of a historical era that often takes on the characteristics of a fairy tale***



MONDADORI  
ELECTA

320 pages  
April 2024

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## FORNASETTI. MEMORIES OF THE FUTURE

### Barnaba Fornasetti

Fornasetti is a brand that is now known all over the world, and is sought-after by international collectors. This book, made in close collaboration with Barnaba Fornasetti, who has penned the preface, traces the story of this exciting human and creative adventure. The imaginative universe that Fornasetti builds around its iconic objects and outside any conventions is unique and unparalleled. Furniture, furnishings, and objects decorated with illusionistic architectures straddling classicism and modernity, plants and animals, playing cards, landscapes, and faces—among which the well-known faces of the Tema e variazione dishes stand out—are not simple decorated objects, but microcosms that evoke stories and create sets for those stories.

The book has graphic design by Atelier Fornasetti and is richly illustrated with photographs and drawings from the archive.

Born in Milan in 1950, **Barnaba Fornasetti** has been running the company founded by his father since 1988. With the same pioneering spirit, he revives its visual language by creating what he calls "reinventions", objects designed from scratch by predominantly using themes taken from the rich historical archive.

The museums that have hosted his monographic exhibitions include: Triennale, Milan, 2013; Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris, 2015; Dongdaemun Museum, Seoul, 2016; Palazzo Altemps, Rome, 2018; La Pilotta, Parma, 2020.

In 2017 he was awarded the MAD Visionaries! Award. He is also a well-known DJ who ignites the dance floor of the most exclusive parties during the Salone del Mobile in Milan.

*"The public explained to me that what I did was something more than decoration. It was an invitation to the imagination, to think, to escape from those things around us that are too mechanized and inhuman. They were tickets to travel through the realm of the imagination."*



**An evocative, richly illustrated book accompanying the reader to the discovery of the Milan Cathedral and its secrets through the materials preserved in the Veneranda Fabbrica archives.**

## ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

MONDADORI  
ELECTA

288 pages  
October 2024

### **THE DUOMO OF MILAN** **History, art, and wonders** **Veneranda Fabbrica del Duomo di Milano**

The Duomo of Milan is an ever-evolving monument which deeply influenced the urban development of the city, leaving its mark on Milan's look and personality. Through stunning photographs of exhibits in the Veneranda Fabbrica archives, this illustrated book recounts the building of the Milan Cathedral since its inception, with details on materials employed, the conveying of the Candoglia marble, and its master builders, from architects to stone masons.

The art and architecture of the cathedral come to life in the drawings and photographs, the wealth of statues, the amazing stained-glass windows, the Duomo's most evocative and spectacular features. A journey through space and time alongside the protagonists of a riveting story, to fuel the curiosity of both readers and visitors and give due prominence to an invaluable artistic and historical heritage.

The **Veneranda Fabbrica del Duomo** di Milano is the historic institution responsible for the preservation and development of the Cathedral. Established in 1387, it has been safeguarding and restoring the Duomo for over 630 years. Its every-day work is articulated in several different areas, including the marble quarry of Candoglia, the Museum of the Milan Cathedral and the Duomo Archive-Library.



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ELECTA

## A PRIVATE GLOSSARY

Stefano Boeri, Amos Gitai

288 pages  
October 2024

The Milanese architect and the Israeli director in a volume that delves into family memories and reflects on the world.

Reconnecting the threads of a dialogue that began in 2017 and was consolidated in 2020 during the pandemic, Boeri and Gitai, two great intellectuals of our time, whose education and professional paths are deeply rooted in architecture and reflections on space and living, tackle these themes dear to them, starting from family memories and evolving through the projects and works that have shaped their careers. Following the dialogues, an intimate and illuminating glossary retraces the personal and professional lives of the two authors. The volume delves into the biographical memories of the two authors, spanning Italy and Israel, from Gitai's artistic journey, including his 1980 documentary *The House* and his recent installation at the Architecture Biennale, which repeatedly captured the life of a house in Jerusalem over time. It also includes references to Boeri's architect mother, Cini Boeri, and the bunker house in Sardinia built for their family, to the story of Gitai's mother, born in Palestine but of Russian origin, the coexistence with Palestinians in Israel, and his father Munio Gitai, an architect trained in Bauhaus minimalism in Germany.

STEFANO  
BOERI / GITAI  
AMOS

*A Private Glossary*

Rizzoli

***Our role is to offer interpretations of reality,  
providing people with new keys to approach  
complexity.***

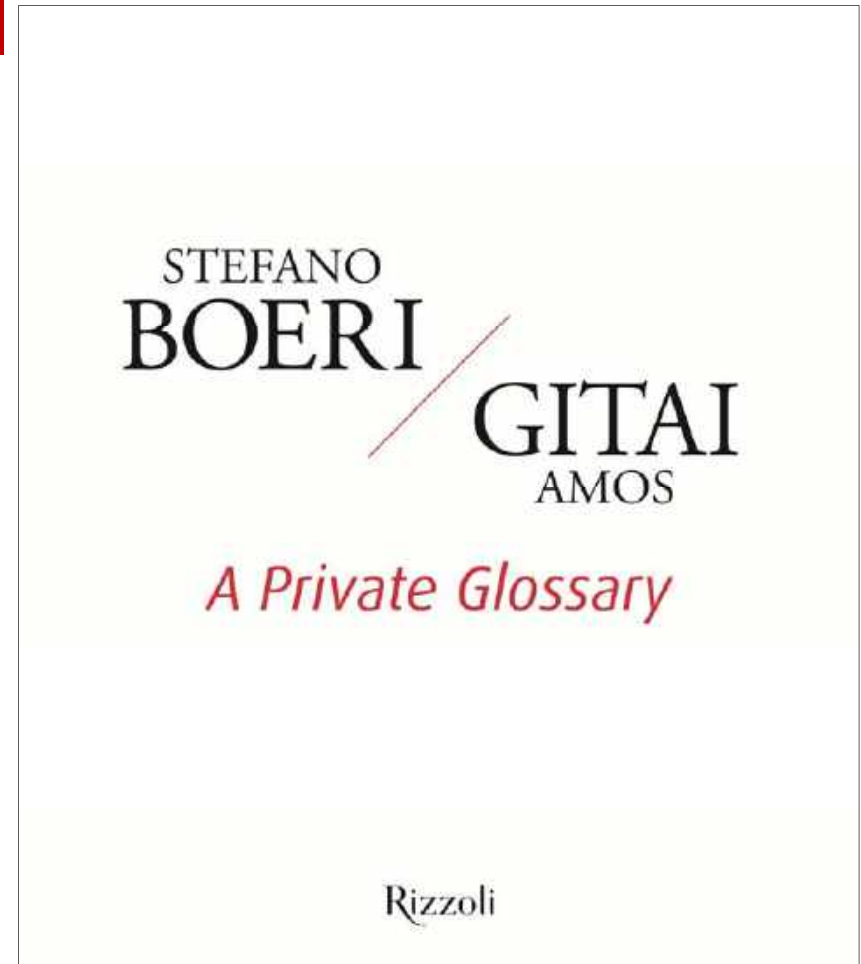
— Amos Gitai

### A PRIVATE GLOSSARY

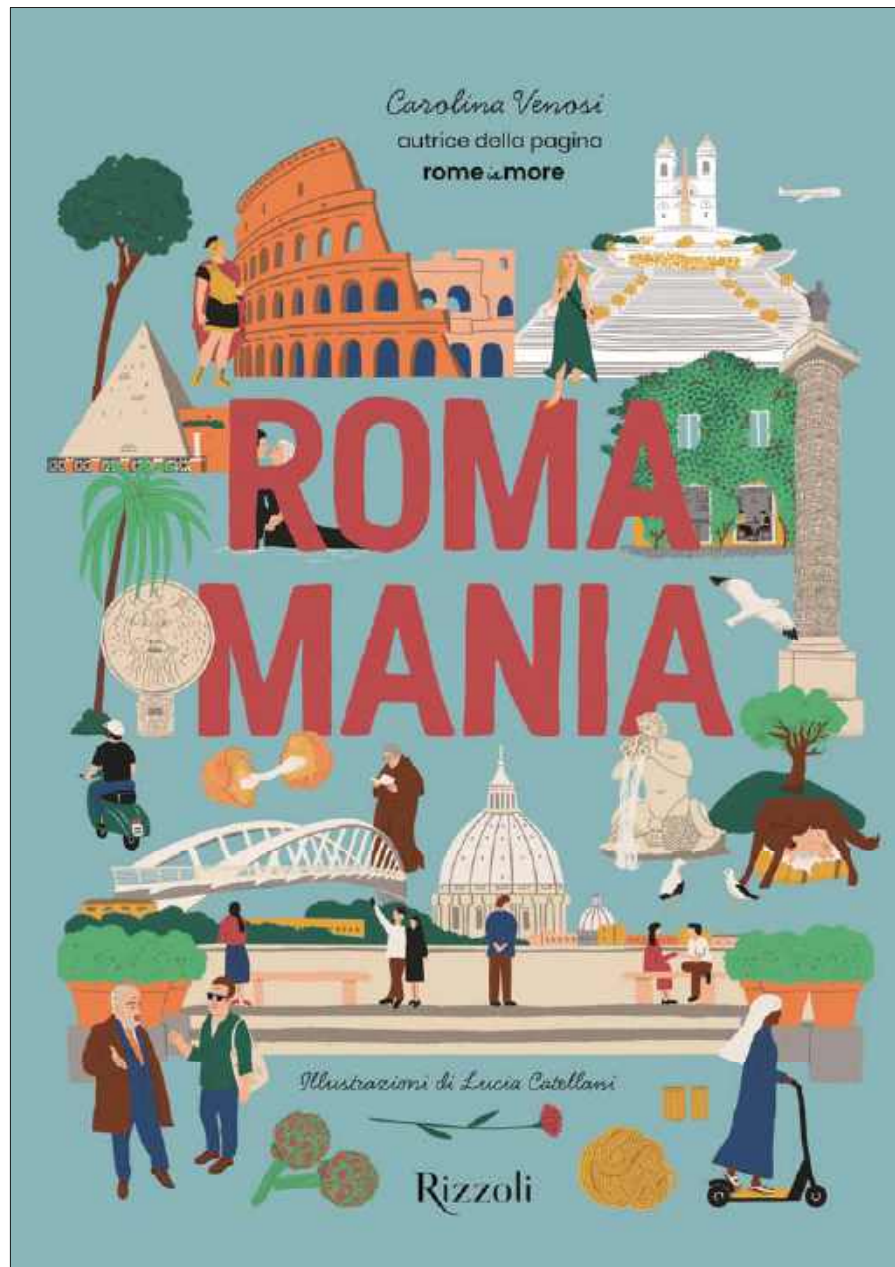
#### Stefano Boeri, Amos Gitai

**Stefano Boeri** is an Italian architect and urban planner. He is a professor of Urban Planning at the Politecnico di Milano and has taught as a guest professor at various international institutions, including the Harvard Graduate School of Design in Cambridge, the Strelka Institute in Moscow, the Berlage Institute in Rotterdam, and the École Polytechnique Fédérale in Lausanne. He was the editor-in-chief of the magazines "Domus" (2004-2007) and "Abitare" (2007-2011), and in 2009 he founded Stefano Boeri Architetti. His projects include the RCS headquarters in Milan (2007), the redevelopment of the La Maddalena area in Sardinia (2009), the sustainable residential towers in the Isola district, the Centre Régional de la Méditerranée in Marseille (2004-2013), the Bosco Verticale residential project in Milan (2009-2014), and the renovation of the Telecom headquarters in Rome (2015). From 2011 to 2013, he served as Milan's Councillor for Culture, Fashion, and Design, and since 2018, he has been the President of the Triennale di Milano. Among his publications are *L'anticità* (2011), *Fare di più con meno* (2012), *La città scritta* (2016), *Urbania* (2021), and *Green Obsession* (2021). He has curated numerous international architecture exhibitions and has been the creator and Artistic Director of the Milano Arch Week since 2017.

**Amos Gitai** is an Israeli filmmaker, screenwriter, and artist. Born in Haifa, he studied architecture and began filming when he was drafted as a reservist during the Yom Kippur War. After his early documentaries, *House* (1980) and *Field Diary* (1982), were censored, he moved to Paris, where he lived for ten years and continued making films. In 1992, after Rabin's election, he returned to Israel and focused on films, fiction, theater productions, documentaries, exhibitions, and lectures. His work has been showcased in retrospectives at the Centre Pompidou in Paris, the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) and Lincoln Center in New York, and the British Film Institute in London. Since 1999, his films have been featured at the Cannes and Venice Film Festivals. Gitai has received numerous awards, including the Roberto Rossellini Award (2005), the Pardo d'Onore at the Locarno Film Festival (2008), the Robert Bresson Award (2013), the Paradjanov Award (2014), and the Luchino Visconti Award (2021). He is an Officier des Arts et Lettres, and in 2018 he was appointed to the Chair of Artistic Creation at the Collège de France.







## TRAVELLING AND DISCOVERING

MONDADORI  
ELECTA

### ROMEMANIA Rome is More

224 pages  
February 2025

All things Roman. All the interesting and curious there is to know about the Italian capital.

Who can escape the spell of Rome, whether passing through, staying, seeing it on the pages of a book or as background picture on social media? But alongside its time-honored treasures, Rome hides many a new surprise and unexplored corners, all of them revealed in this kaleidoscopic book. Part of a successful collection by Rizzoli, this volume beautifully illustrates and recounts each and every facet of the prismatic Eternal City. The reader is accompanied by a unique guide – the voice of Rome is More, a hugely popular social media page exploring Rome with elan, fresh new eyes and a touch of impertinence making this book unique and a must for all lovers of the city.

**Rome is More** is a successful social media page founded by Carolina Venosi (@biondaconlasmart), an architect oriented to digital marketing and the mastermind of this social media page celebrating all things Roman. Carolina is a born and bred Roman, and already the author of the book *Veni vidi daje* (Rizzoli, 2019)

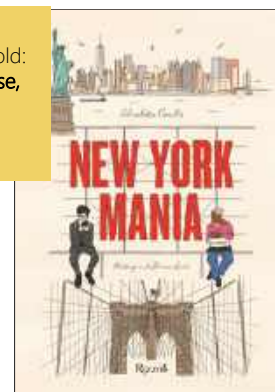
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**JAPANMANIA**  
Marco Reggiani

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**NYMANIA**  
Elisabetta Cirillo

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**CHINAMANIA**  
Giulia Zigotti

The "Mania" series:  
A successful series of inspirational guides dedicated to the world's top international destinations. One hundred topics, one hundred keywords, each presented in a dedicated double-page spread. Written information and vibrant illustrations are combined and blended seamlessly. An ideal toolbox for those who wish to visit Japan, China, India, New York, London, and Paris, but also a collection of curiosities, customs, quirks, history and traditions for armchair travelers.



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**LONDONMANIA**  
Elena Battista

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**INDIAMANIA**  
Cristina Kiara Piotti



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**PARISMANIA**  
Federico Iarlori



Francesca Campioli

# a Parigi con stile

nei luoghi di  
Coco Chanel

Rizzoli

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112 pages  
April 2024

## TRAVELLING AND DISCOVERING

### PARIS IN STYLE

#### In the places of Coco Chanel

Francesca Campioli

An immersive journey to experience Paris through the eyes of one of the most iconic women of all time. A unique way to discover the French capital, wandering through hidden corners and secret addresses that shaped the life and legend of Coco Chanel. A captivating narrative blending elegance and authenticity, for those who have been there and those who still dream of going. A bridge between past and present, where style becomes a way to rediscover oneself. As Coco once said: "Choose who you want to be and become that woman."

Francesca Campioli is a journalist, entrepreneur, and manager with extensive experience in Italy's leading publishing houses. A lifelong enthusiast of stories, style, and women's culture, she created LaMiaMe, a faceless avatar in which every woman can see herself, with a touch of lightness and irony.





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ELECTA

480 pages  
November 2024

## ICHIGO ICHIE

### The way to happiness

#### Hiroshi Shoda

Ichigo ichie

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“Once, an encounter”

It all begins with these simple yet hugely meaningful words – teaching us to treasure the uniqueness of each moment life brings us. This book is a veritable repository of tales, traditions, and festive rituals from the Japanese calendar; day after day we will find a precious something to savor and share, new food for thought and for personal growth. Enjoy the book, and discover the Japanese secret for happiness!

**Hirohiko Shoda** was born in Nara, Japan, in 1977. He graduated from the most prestigious culinary academy in Japan, specializing in Italian, Japanese and international cuisine. He worked in Osaka in high-end restaurants and then in Italy, as a chef at Le Calandre, Padua, a 3-Michelin-star restaurant. A teacher and the author of several successful books, chef Hiro is well-known for his television and radio shows, and for the contests posted on his social media and followed by thousands of loyal fans. In 2019 he was officially nominated Ambassador of Japanese cuisine in Italy.



Draft cover

**A magnificent journey of exploration and inspiration through the world's most beautiful islands.**

## TRAVELLING AND DISCOVERING

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288 pages  
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### EXPLORING THE MOST REMOTE ISLANDS

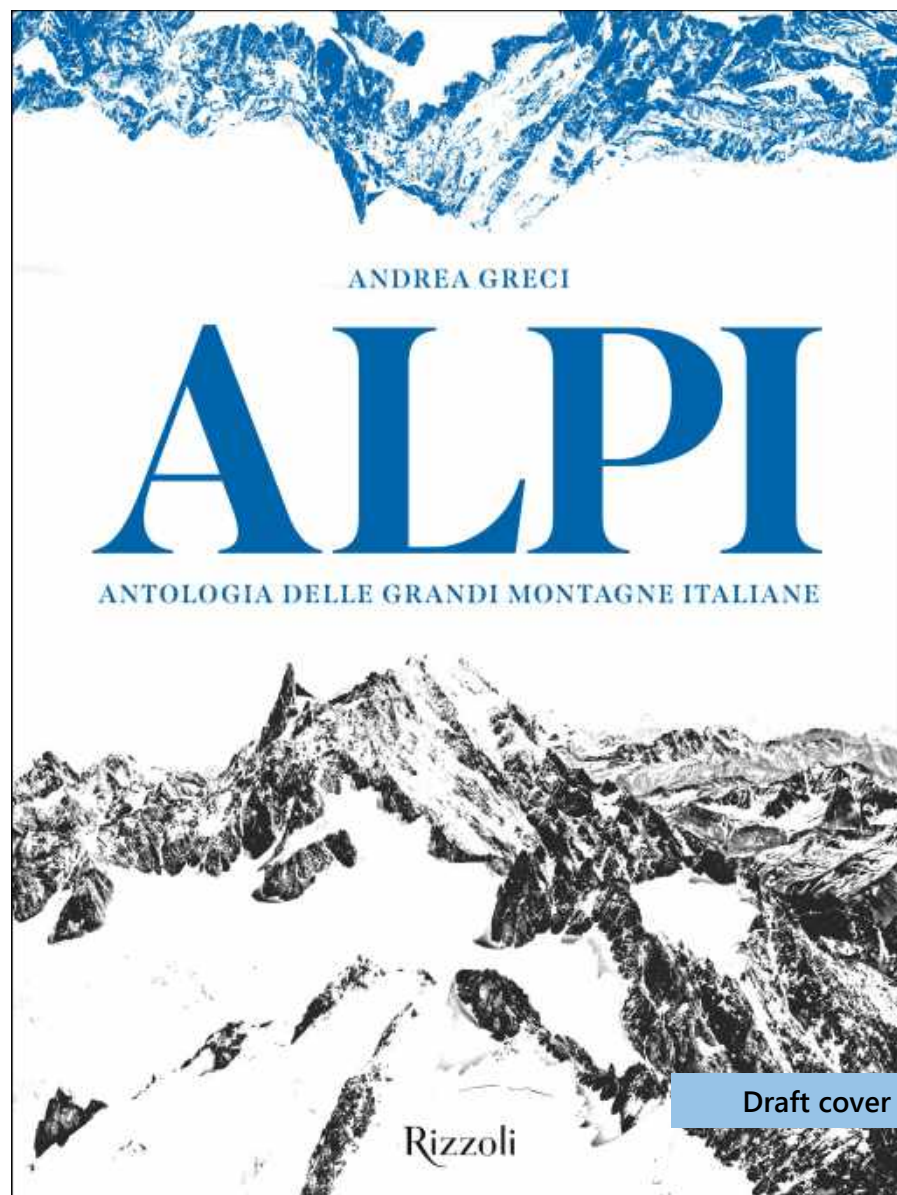
**A journey through solitude and beauty to rediscover oneself**

**Niccolò Banfi**

A lifelong enthusiast of photography and exploration, Niccolò Banfi was working in marketing in Milan until just a few years ago. Then, after COVID and the isolation that came with it, he felt the call of the oceans and the distant lands untouched by mass tourism, embarking on a journey of discovery and adventure. Through the unique opportunity of Bark Europa, voyaging around the world aboard an old three-masted Dutch sailing ship, he explored some of the most remote islands on the planet, uncovering hidden corners and forgotten wonders. Starting from Easter Island in the Pacific Ocean and continuing to Pitcairn, he made his way through French Polynesia, the Gambier Islands, the Marquesas, and the Society Islands, passing through Tonga before finally reaching the Fiji Islands. Spectacular landscapes and breathtaking nature captivate the reader, transporting them into a world where emotions fill the heart and mind, thanks to Niccolò's stunning photography. A book filled with extraordinary images that inspire dreams and evoke deep emotions.

**Niccolò Banfi**, born in Milan in 1987, after a career in marketing, in 2022 he felt the call of the oceans and untouched lands and began his expeditions. His project, Remoteness – Eyes to the Edge, aims to document the world's most remote islands from an environmental perspective. In February 2022, aboard a Dutch sailing ship, he crossed the South Atlantic from Ushuaia (Argentina) to Cape Town (South Africa). In 2024, he embarked on a journey across the South Pacific, traveling from Easter Island to Fiji.





**A unique anthology of the Italian Alps, an immense cultural and natural heritage**

**MONDADORI**  
ELECTA

240 pages  
May 2025

## ALPS Anthology of the great Italian mountains Andrea Greci

For millennia, a crossroads and barrier between peoples, cultures, and ideas, the cradle of world alpinism, and an extraordinary treasure trove of biodiversity, the Alps are a unique example of how natural elements and human activities can shape an unparalleled cultural landscape that becomes a true symbol and emblem of the mountains themselves. This book dedicates a chapter to each of the great peaks of the Alps, from Mont Blanc to the Tre Cime di Lavaredo, from Monviso to Marmolada, from Monte Rosa to Adamello. Through a selection of in-depth analyses and stories it explores key events in the history of mountaineering. For this reason, the book also describes the standard ascent routes to the most significant and representative summits. Each chapter is introduced by a writer or a prominent figure closely connected to the region and the specific peak under discussion. The visual component of the book includes not only contemporary documentation but also historical images capturing the most significant moments in the history of the mountains and alpinism.

A writer, journalist, and photographer, [Andrea Greci](#) has spent years passionately documenting the Italian mountains through words and images. He has published over 80 books on the Alps and the Apennines, contributed articles and photographs to Italy's most prominent outdoor magazines, and curated the official guidebook series for the Sentiero Italia. Since early 2023, he has been the Editor-in-Chief of the official publications of the Italian Alpine Club (*La Rivista del Club Alpino Italiano* and *Lo Scarpone*).



**A glimpse into a more conscious and authentic way of experiencing nature and the mountains**

**MONDADORI**  
ELECTA

224 pages  
January 2025

## RETURNING TO EXPLORATION. New meanings of experiencing nature.

**Luca Fontana**

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**Luca Fontana** is a photographer and environmental hiking guide. After years of traveling and undertaking expeditions across the world's major mountain ranges, he now lives between the Upper Aosta Valley and the Cusian Alps, nurturing a deep and daily love for Mont Blanc. Luca develops and promotes a new and profound approach to the natural environment, particularly the mountains, one centered on respect for the land and multi-level exploration. This is his debut book.



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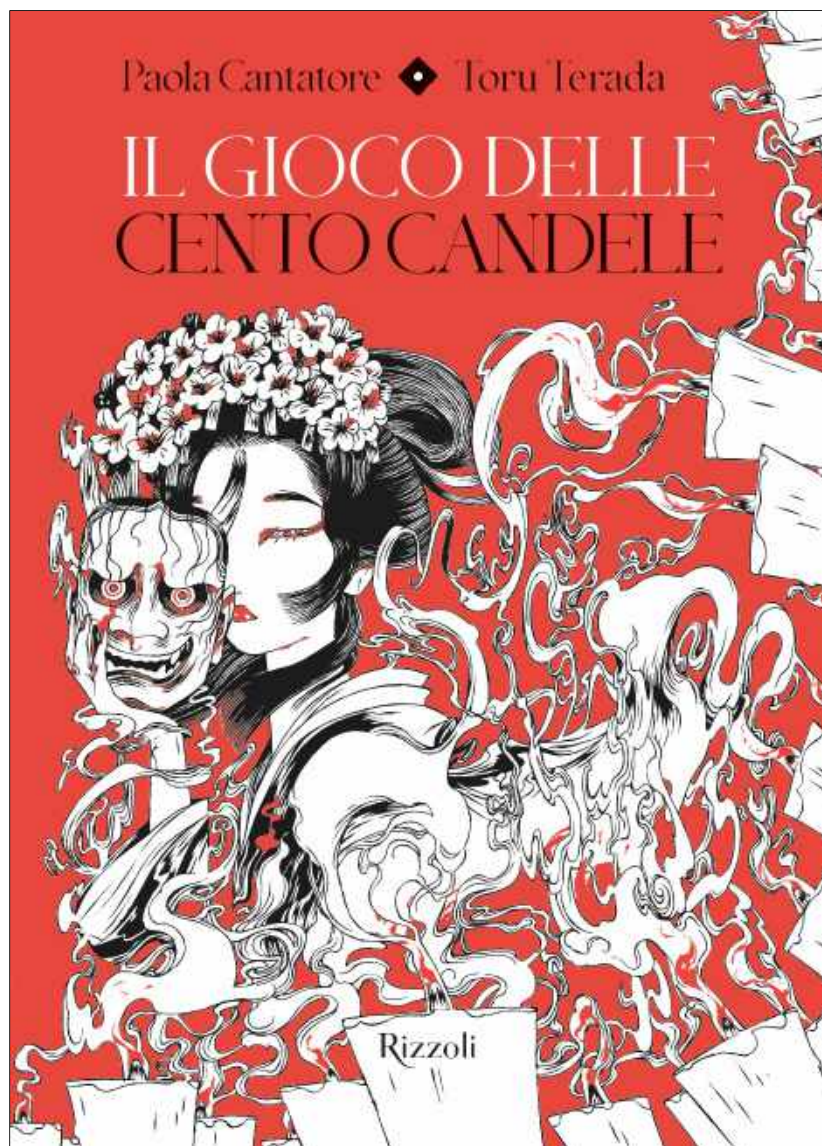
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**Filip Babicz** is a born athlete, and mountains are his passion and his natural habitat. He grew up in Zakopane, Poland, at the foot of the Tatra Range, and since 2003 he has lived in Valle d'Aosta, at the foot of the Mont Blanc. Initially he focused on sport climbing, competing with the Polish and then the Italian national team, and for years participated in World Cup competitions. Since 2015 he has shifted his focus to solo world-class rock-climbing. A member of the Sezione Militare Alta Montagna, a special force in the Italian army, he trains and prepares new projects with them. He is a specialist in several different rock-climbing disciplines, from bouldering, especially in its "high altitude" version, to winter Himalayan climbing, but his favorites are fast & light speed-climbing and dry-tooling





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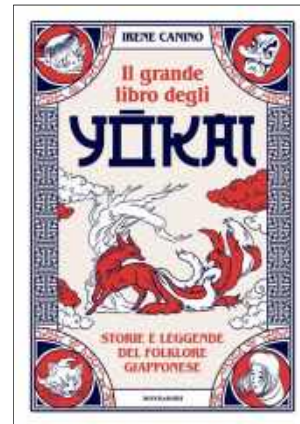
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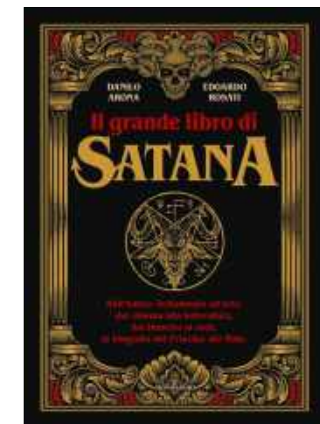
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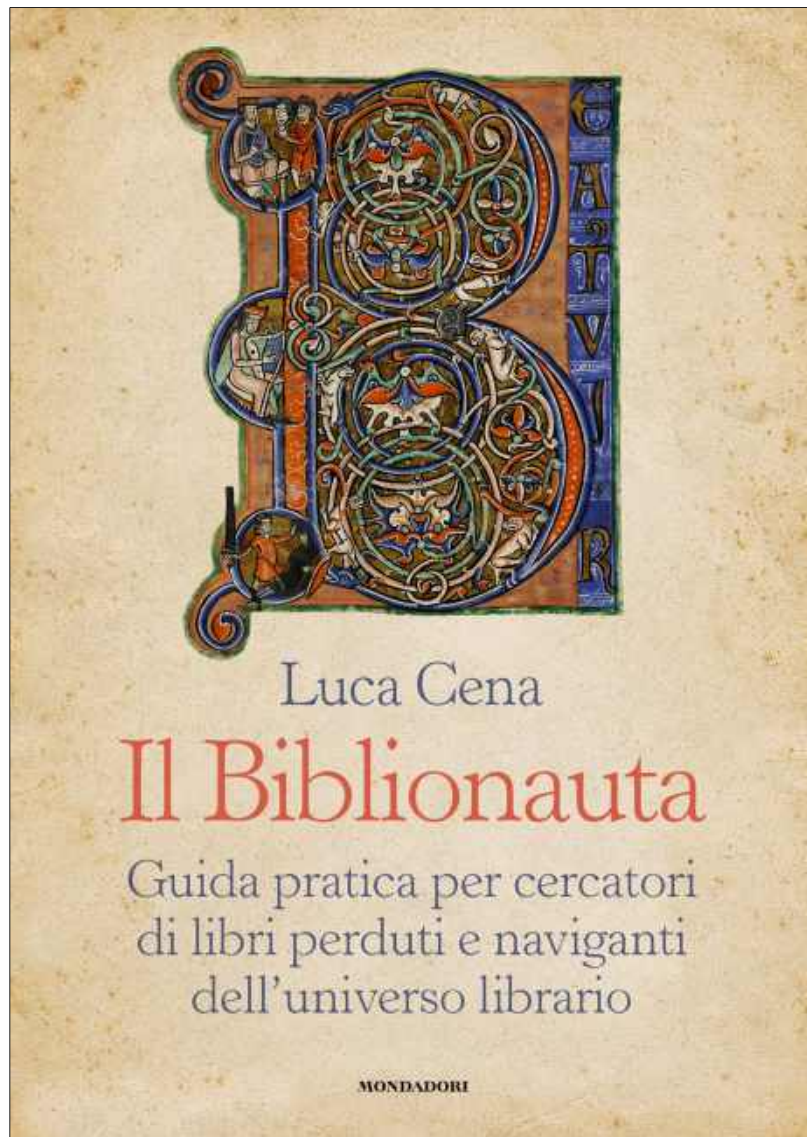


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**Luca Cena** is an antiquarian bookseller and educator. He owns a renowned bookstore in the heart of Turin, and in 2023, he talks about antique and rare books to an ever-growing audience through his social media, becoming a point of reference in his field. This is his first book.



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**Giano Del Bufalo**, born in 1987, is an art collector and antique expert. He has also conducted extensive research on esotericism and primitive art.



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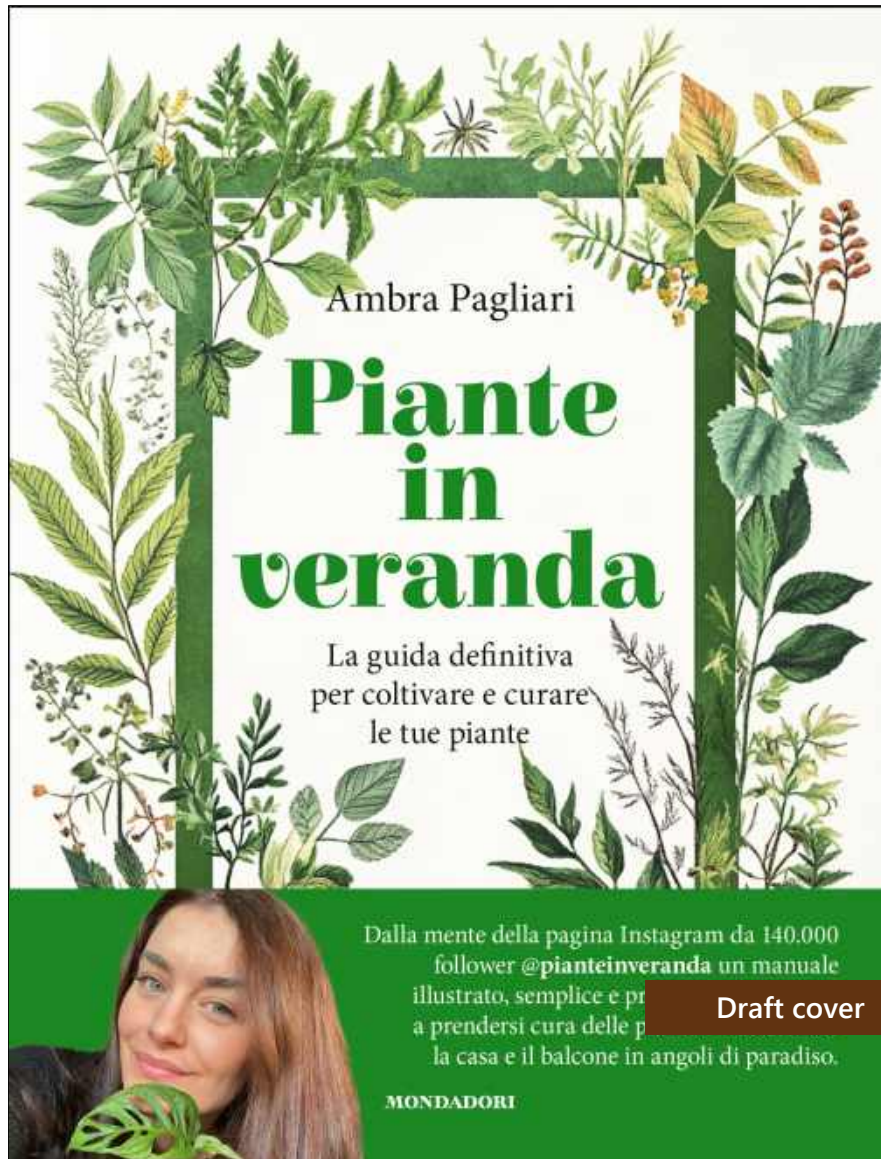
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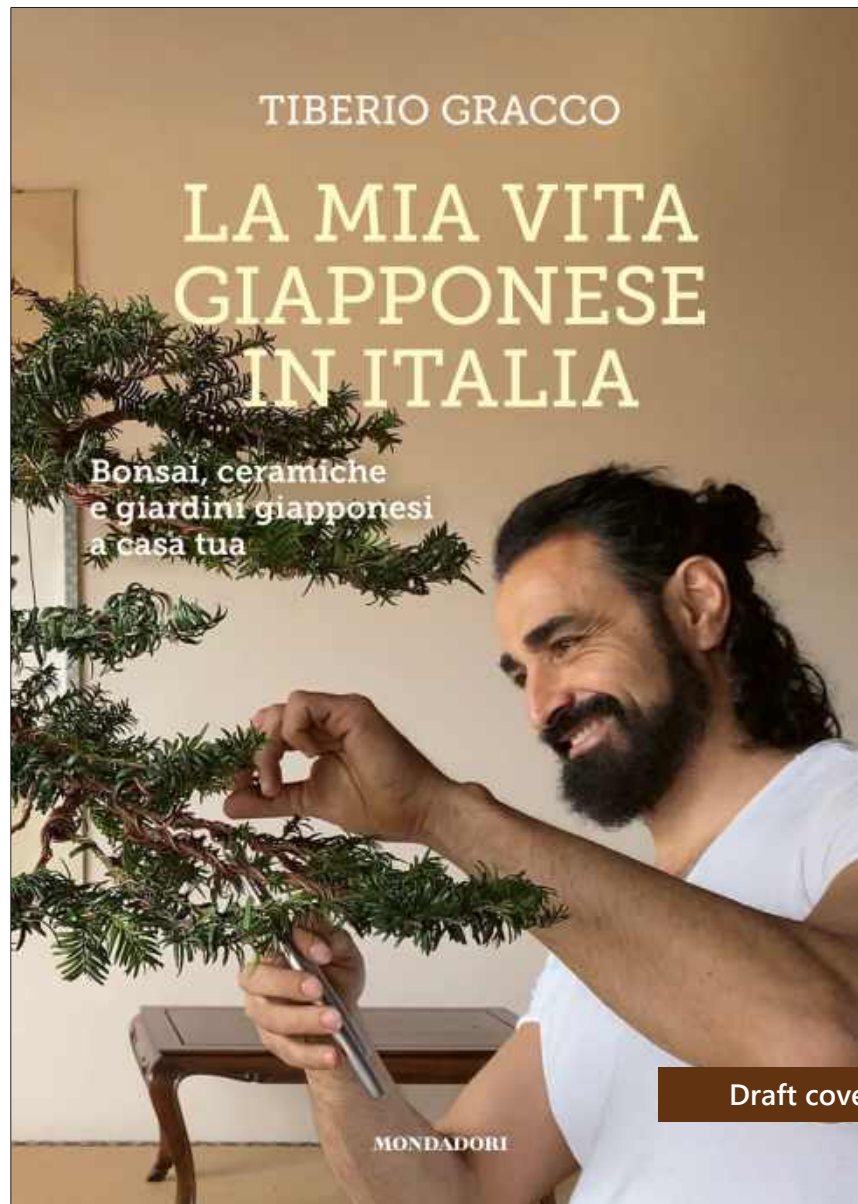
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**Vincenzo Schettini** is a physicist, musician, influencer teacher, and bestselling author. In the early 2000s, he graduated in violin and music education before earning a degree in physics. His two passions, the artistic and the scientific, merged under the idea of transforming physics from mere concepts into real entertainment, emulating the same effect that music has on stage. For years, he has directed a successful gospel group called Wanted Chorus and teaches physics in high schools. Through his social media channels, *La Fisica Che Ci Piace*, which now boast millions of followers, he makes his subject accessible to all, enriching lessons with a personal and engaging touch. He collaborates with the Italian Teacher Programme at CERN. His first book, the bestseller *La fisica che ci piace*, became the publishing sensation of 2022 and won the Elsa Morante Ragazzi Esperienze Literary Prize in 2023.



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